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and Affiliated Organizations

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*The President & Board of Trustees  
of the  
Jewish Community Council Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir  
invite you to the  
Fifty-Seventh Annual Meeting  
Wednesday, June 12, 1991 at 7:00 p.m.*

*Jewish Community Centre Auditorium  
151 Chapel Street*

**PRESENTATION**  
of  
FREIMAN FAMILY YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD  
**Arnon Vered** **GILBERT GREENBERG**  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD  
**Irving Greenberg** 51<sup>st</sup>

**INSTALLATION**  
of  
Incoming Officers  
and  
Trustees-at-Large

Dessert & Coffee 7:00 p.m.  
Proceedings 7:30 p.m.

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to  
**David Walzer** and **Reuven Solomon**  
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immediate Past President

*Distinguished Service Award recipient*

# Irving Greenberg, Z.L. '91 awardee

By Cynthia Engel

The late Irving Greenberg, chairman and president of Minto Developments, Inc., who played a major consultative role on all matters affecting the Ottawa Jewish community, has been chosen to receive the coveted Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award for 1991.

The designation of Mr. Greenberg as this year's honoree was announced by Dr. Eli Rabin, president of the Jewish Community Council and Stephen Victor, chairman of the Distinguished Service Award Committee. Only one other recipient, the late Hy Hochberg, received the highly prized award posthumously.

The Gilbert Greenberg Award is the highest tribute which the Jewish community can give to an individual for exceptional service over the course of many years. It bears the name of the late Past President Gilbert Greenberg, brother of the 1991 honoree, who exemplified the qualities of leadership which the award seeks to recognize each year.

**Initiated in 1980**

Initiated in 1980, it was first presented to the Ottawa Chevra Kadisha. The late Lawrence Freiman was the recipient in 1981. He was followed by Hyman Gould in 1982; Thomas Sachs in 1983; Norman Zagerman in 1984; the late Hy Hochberg in 1985; Sol B. Shinder in 1986; Hyman Soloway in 1987; Greta Cohen in 1988; Justice Abraham H. Leff in 1989; and Bertha and Abe Palmer in 1990.

The formal presentation will be made at the Annual Meeting of the community on Wednesday, June 12. The meeting marks the 57th anniversary of the founding of the organization in 1934.

Irving Greenberg was born in Ottawa, the fifth of the six children of the late Rose and Roger Greenberg, who had emigrated from Russia. At the time of his birth, in 1928, theirs was a home poor in money but rich in love.

**Highly ethical**

His father, whose greatest pleasure was to go to synagogue, was a highly ethical man who eked out a living collecting and selling jute bags to keep his young family going.

Times were tough and their father suffered from early ill health, so even as children the Greenberg offspring had one thing in common they had to earn a living. Even the daughters pitched in. On more than one occasion, Jen's salary from Slover's department store fed the family.

Each day after school, before attending to his homework, Irving, a straight A student and superb athlete, would go downstairs into the basement of the family's tiny lowtown home and sort bags for his father.

Despite the repeated urgings of his teachers, who had



The late Irving Greenberg

recognized his brilliance, Irving refused to go on to university.

"I have an obligation to stay home and help my Dad," he said, and the subject was closed.

When his father finally put together sufficient money to open a small factory in Hull, it was manned by the family 24 hours a day. Irving took the nightshift, ever alert to the sounds of scurrying rats as he tried to grab a few minutes sleep on a narrow cot.

The floods that swelled Winnipeg's Red River in 1950 turned the tide of the Greenberg family's fortunes. Like her siblings, Irving's sister Grace worked in the business. As a salesperson she had made contacts in government who asked her if the small firm might be able to supply the jute bags necessary to stem the waters of the swollen river. It did, and the Greenberg legend began.

**Father a visionary**

A visionary, Roger Greenberg had always wanted his children to become involved in real estate. When he broached the subject his offspring questioned the idea, pointing out their lack of funds. "The secret," their father replied, "is to do it without money," and promptly went up the street from the factory, bought an apartment building and within three months flipped it, realizing a greater profit than his business had made in six months. Then he challenged his children to go into the construction business.

The four brothers, Lou, Gilbert, Irving and Lorry, started their venture under the name Mercury Homes but when they went to officially register it, they discovered the name was already in use. It was Irving who chose the name 'Minto' after a former governor general, because it was short, and because, as early as 1955-56 he anticipated the advent of bilingualism and knew that Minto could be used easily in both languages.

Minto prospered and the partners got along well. Eventually two of the brothers left the business for other pursuits; Lou, to lead a quieter lifestyle;

and Irving Greenberg selflessly indulged his great passion for worthy causes. Myriad people, institutions and causes locally, nationally and internationally, were the recipients of his philanthropy over the years.

**Pillar of tzedakah**

In the Jewish community, he was a pillar of tzedakah to the end, through United Jewish Appeal; the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, over which he presided as president 1985-87; and in his love of Israel, bringing the Israel Philharmonic and Itzak Perlman to Ottawa for the state's 40th Anniversary; and through his involvement with the Technion.

While his brothers, Gilbert, and later, Lorry, maintained high profiles in the operations of the Ottawa Jewish community, Irving participated quietly on the sidelines. His counsel was sought repeatedly, and when a major project had to be accomplished quickly, he was there.

"Irving was very much com-

mitted to this community," his brother Lorry says. "He wasn't physically there but he was there. He never questioned the validity, the quality or the quantity of Gilly's contributions in time or money."

On two occasions before his death on January 25 of this year, Irving Greenberg told his brother, Lorry, "I have lived what I think is a good, complete and honorable life."

Among the many who would agree with that assessment is the greater Ottawa Jewish community which, throughout his lifetime, benefited from his wisdom and generosity.

Under the terms of the past, the Selection Committee is composed of the past president of the Council who acts as chairman; the chairman of the Women's Federation; the chairman of the Board of Rabbis; and two trustees appointed by the Executive Committee. This year's committee included Stephen Victor, Dr. Eli Rabin (ex officio), Vera Klein, Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Sunny Tavel and Norman Zagerman.

**Presentation at Annual Meeting**

## Arnon Vered chosen Freiman Award winner

By Cynthia Engel

Stephen Victor, chairman of the selection committee, has announced that Arnon Vered has been chosen 1991 recipient of the Freiman Family Young Leadership Award.

In making the announcement, Mr. Victor said, "Arnie has demonstrated a passionate commitment to our community and to Israel over the course of the past several years and has, with a deep sense of responsibility, readily assumed leadership roles in our important institutions."

Established in 1988, the Freiman Family Young Leadership Award recognizes a member of the Ottawa Jewish Community under the age of 40 who has contributed actively to the Jewish community in the two or more years following his/her participation in the Young Leadership Development Program, or who as a young leader rendered exceptional service to the Jewish community.

The first recipient was Barbara Farber in 1988. She was followed by Stephen Greenberg in 1989; and Morris Presser in 1990. The 1991 award will be presented to Arnon Vered at the Annual Meeting of the Community on Wednesday, June 12.

A native Ottawa, the 1991 awardee credits his parents, Sara and Zeev Vered, with setting the example.

"My parents were involved to better the Jewish community for their children," the father of four says. "And I want to do whatever I can to make it better for mine."

Vered, 34, puts his words into action. As the current president of the board of the Jewish Community Campus, he is deriving immense satisfaction from the challenge of deciding how to achieve maximum and effective use of the facilities at 881 and 831 Broadview.

He is presently a member of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Community Council/Vaad Ha'Ir, and, as well, sits on the Vaad Board of Trustees. In addition, he is vice-president of the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board, is active on the Jewish Community

Properties Management Committee and chairs the Hillel Academy Special Needs Committee.

Committed to both the Ottawa Jewish community and Israel, Arnon has been involved with the United Jewish Appeal and State of Israel Bonds campaigns, and is president of the Ottawa Chapter of the Friends of the Technion.

Vered's concern for this community and his dedication as a volunteer are genuine. "If I don't do my best at something I've volunteered for, it really bothers me," he says. "Volunteering means committing to do something, not just volunteering."

His sincerity is readily evident: on more than one occasion, when business has taken him to the west coast, he has caught the 'red eye' flight back to be able to attend a community-related meeting.

As a civil engineer and a director of Arnon Development Corporation Ltd., Vered is accustomed to making considered decisions and acting on them without delay. That pragmatic approach is evident in one of his goals for the community: decreasing the time in which things are accomplished.

"Society is changing quickly and people don't appreciate that fact," he explains. "It's important that people know that they can make a difference. And they will if they participate."

Arnon and his wife, Elizabeth, are the proud parents of four daughters, Arieli, Danya, Jordana and Alexandra.

Under the terms of the award, the Selection Committee is composed of the past president of the Council who acts as chairman; the chair of the Young Leadership Development Program, the chairman of the Board of Rabbis, and two Jewish Community Council trustees appointed by the Executive Committee. This year's committee included Stephen Victor, Dr. Eli Rabin (ex officio), Robert Greenberg, Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Morris Presser, recipient, Roz Kanigsberg, Gary Viner and A.J. Freiman.

The past year has been one of major growth and change within our Community. Many organizations have expanded their scope of activity and as a community have continued to expand our activities in the Jewish national scene and within the national arena at large. Two factors, however, dominated the Jewish community: firstly, the support for the Russian immigrants flooding into Israel and secondly, the recession.

At the end of June 1990 the community began its fundraising efforts for the Russian Claim to Israel via Operation Exodus. To date over \$3.2 million has been pledged for the "miracle" and we have also participated in Loan Guarantees for Russians in Israel via a mechanism worked out by the Jewish Agency in partnership with the banks of Israel. The Canadian Jewish Community has been particularly generous and we in Ottawa can be proud of the efforts which we have made on behalf of the overall campaign.

In September the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa was officially launched and to date we have been on target. We believe that we will reach our goal of \$3.6 million. Under the able leadership of both Lionel Shinder and Roslyn Kimmel numerous canvassers have worked very hard to accomplish the goals set out in the Spring of 1990. Although we headed into a recession we were able to reach our goal. The leadership of the Community is most grateful for the work done. The agencies, who depend on this funding, are most appreciative and the individuals who are helped are most thankful. In order to improve fundraising in the future, the Long Range Planning Committee under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Susannah Daffin will be formulating plans to restructure the fundraising apparatus so that activities, planning and operations will continue on a full-time year round basis.

This year, our UJA mission during the first two weeks of May, was one of the strongest ever. Led by Sunny and John Tavel the group first visited Auschwitz and went on to Israel. The traditional "Mission to Israel" remains a very potent vehicle to introduce members of the community to Israel. It provides a mechanism to inculcate a love for our people and its institutions and at the same time helps to consolidate the bases for communal leadership. Next year's UJA Mission may visit Spain and Israel.

Last year this community participated in the "March of the Living Program" which sent 21 teenagers to Auschwitz and Israel. The program, sponsored by United Israel Appeal of Canada was highly successful and plans are now underway to organize another "March

## President's Report

Dr. Eli Z. Rabir



of the Living" program for the Spring of 1992. Mrs. Marlene Cherun will, once again, be charged with the responsibility of organizing the Ottawa participants. The Holocaust education programs have become very important throughout the world and we in Ottawa place great emphasis in our participation in such programs.

Once again, let me emphasize that the successes of all UJA programs and fundraising activities can be traced to the very hard work of the professional staff. We also acknowledge the dedication of all canvassers and lay organizers without whose many hours of meetings and labours in the trenches little would be accomplished.

As a result of the very great pressures on communal fundraising during the past two years, the Jewish Community Council has declared a moratorium on all communal fundraising outside the usual campaigns devoted to Israel and the local community via the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa, and the State of Israel Bond Campaign. The campaign dinners for the Jewish National Fund and B'nai Brith have either been postponed or cancelled. As part of the disciplined approach to campaigning within our community, all requests for fundraising must be approved by the Vaad Ha'ir and in the initial stages the request must be channeled through the Multiple Campaign Appeals Committee. I am pleased to report that in almost all cases the moratorium on fundraising has been respected and the community has been able to concentrate its efforts on the major world project at hand — the emigration of Russian Jews to Israel.

With respect to our own community, we will have to look at our own requirements for capital improvements and construction which will take precedence within our own community very shortly. The Jewish Community of Ottawa has committed itself to expansion of our day school educational facilities and to the provision of new facilities for the care of our elderly. We also will have to refurbish our "centre" facilities in order to maintain it in a functional capacity.

Furthermore, at some point down the road we will have to construct a new Jewish Community Centre facility at some site to be chosen. At

this time of writing we have been disappointed that the Ontario Government has not yet approved a new 100-bed facility for the care of our aged people. We certainly hope that we will gain approval for this vital project.

During the past year, Ottawa has played host to national conferences. We at the Vaad, strongly believe that all Jewish national organizations should maintain their head offices in the National Capital. We have assiduously promoted Ottawa as a natural centre for national communal meetings since logically most of the national organizations interface with the federal government. During the past year the Canada Israel Committee hosted its "Parliamentary Dinner" and approximately 1400 people attended. The dinner was the largest ever held. I am proud to report that approximately 300 members of the Ottawa Jewish Community attended — once again underscoring the strong support by Ottawa Jewry for national programs of such importance. Furthermore, the first Annual Kesher Conference was held in March of this year and also in March the national meetings of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the National Budgeting Conference were held in Ottawa. At these national meetings the dominant theme was the emigration of Russian Jews to Israel.

At the NBC meetings it became clear that new arrangements for financing of national programs would have to be developed. For too long some of the local programs in the large Jewish communities were being financed by the smaller communities under the rubric of "national dues" for "national programs". The Ottawa Jewish community has consistently argued (at the national table) that local and national programs must

be clearly defined and equitably financed. Substantial progress, I believe, will be made in that direction.

Jewish education continued to maintain its traditional strong support from the community. Strong financial support for Hillel Academy Day School and for its over 500 students continues unabated. Furthermore, commitment by the community for the afternoon school system is also reflected by the financial support accorded to the various schools. However, because of the various financial pressures on the community, new sources of financial support will be required in order to maintain the ongoing commitments. The Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee and the Vaad executive have now recommended that an annual "Education Dinner" be held in order to raise funds specifically for Jewish Education. The inaugural event is being planned for April 1992.

At present the Vaad is still committed to the establishment of a Hebrew Day High School. It is apparent that although it would have been nice to have the opening of such a facility for September 1992, the earliest that one can hope for such a high school would be September 1992.

At the last Executive Committee meeting the new Community Properties Management Corporation was established. A committee has been formed under the able chairmanship of A.J. Freiman, and a new system has been put into place whereby community

properties will be managed by a specific board and a property managing group. The Jewish Community Centre which had undertaken this activity for the last 35 years will now be able to concentrate its efforts on programming and thus be relieved of the onerous task

of property maintenance. We thank Ron Boro for all his dedicated work on behalf of the JCC and the community through all these years.

Much of the work which facilitates the smooth operation of Vaad activities depends on dedicated chairpeople. Samuel Wex (Planning, Priorities and Budget), Richard Zuker (Panel on Jewish Education), Andy Katz (Panel on Individual and Group Services), play key roles in facilitating the budgetary processes. Members of the Executive Committee who chair special committees or assume specific portfolios assure that the business of the community proceeds efficiently and smoothly. To all of you thank you and Yasher Ko'ach.

A special word of praise for the community is in order for its strong and loyal support for special emergency events which occur within our community from time to time. The overwhelming turnout at the time of the rally at the cemetery in May 1990 and at the rally at the outset of the Persian Gulf War indicates the very special feelings and bonds which the members of this community have for their fellow Jews and for the State of Israel. The speed whereby this community can be mobilized is truly unique. The response to the request for support in times of crisis is exemplary. As President of this community I have been truly proud to see and feel the support of each and every one of you.

The successful prosecution of business in the community depends upon a large number of lay individuals. In particular the Officers and the members of the Executive Committee devote many hours to the analysis of issues confronting us. Each and everyone of these individuals have made important contributions to the community and I thank them for their loyalty and diligence. To the members of the Board of Trustees I also say thank you for your attention, participation and dedicated work.

No president can function without a dedicated and hard-working professional staff. To all members of the staff in the Vaad and to all staff members of all agencies in the Ottawa Community and to truly remarkable Jewish Community — Thank you.

## Acknowledgement

*The Planning Committee for the Annual Meeting wishes to express its appreciation to all of the individuals who prepared the reports contained in this Special Edition of the Bulletin.*

*All reports received up to the press time deadline have been included in this issue.*

We are all one family. That has been both the attitude and practice of the Ottawa Jewish Community over the years. This approach has been strengthened and fortified over the past year.

Last September we gathered together in a "Celebration of Freedom" — the rejoicing over the rescue, redemption and resettlement of our Soviet Jewish brethren into the State of Israel. As family, we felt a special kinship with those hundreds of thousands of fellow Jews, young and old, who fled an oppressive, anti-Semitic environment to the fresh, clean air of our Jewish Homeland.

Once again, in January of this year, we came out in unprecedented numbers (over 1,300 strong!) to demonstrate our solidarity with the people of Israel during the terrifying times of the Gulf War. As the Scuds were launched at the Scuds of Israel, all of us felt as if our own family was in danger. The direct threat to the Israelis was also a threat to us, as family, as Jews.

Over the past year our familiar link with Israel was also tangibly demonstrated as we welcomed the new Ambassador of the State of

## Executive Director's Report

Gerry Koffman

Israel to Canada, Itzhak Shelef. In his many public appearances Ambassador Shelef has stressed the symbiotic relationship between Israel and Diaspora Jewry.

While, perhaps in much less dramatic fashion than the above examples, throughout the year the Vaad Ha'Ir, its beneficiary agencies, and its constituent organizations, have worked together to strengthen our local "Jewish family" in Ottawa. This special edition of the *Bulletin* chronicles the commitment and hard work of our community organizations and I urge you to take the time to read it — you will derive much "nachas" in knowing how effective and active your community has been and continues to be.

In our local Jewish family, the Vaad officers, executive,

and board of trustees, hold a special place. They are a group of dedicated men and women, who give their time, energy and leadership to guiding our community through the sometimes "rocky waters" of issues and policies. There are three people that I would like to pay special tribute: Lorry Greenberg and Stephen Victor who will be leaving the Vaad Executive after many years of distinguished service to the community, coupled with an acute sense of purpose and vision. Also, we all owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Eli Rabin who will be leaving the presidency after a term characterized by his Judaic leadership and "tachlitic" approach to issues. Eli Rabin led the community with a mix of "mavenism" and "menschlichkeit."

Finally, I wish to express not only personally, but on behalf of the entire community, our appreciation to the staff of the Jewish Community Council/Vaad Ha'Ir, UJA, and Jewish Foundation. In terms of



Jewish family, the staff are a group of individuals that have chosen to work for and within the Jewish family almost on a twenty-four hour on-call basis. At times, staff feels that it has 14,000 relatives all coming to dinner at the same time! The commitment to work for the Jewish people as one's vocation is to be admired and applauded.

As you can see, our Jewish community truly is a family. A community that has a common sense of purpose. It is a community that understands and supports diversity but is unified in its commitment to Jewish ideals and values.

## Audit Committee

Issie Landau, Chairman



While the ultimate responsibility for review and approval of financial statements rests with the board of directors, a separate audit committee established by the board serves as a better means of dealing with this increasingly complex and sophisticated area.

The primary responsibilities of the Audit Committee remain basically the same as when first established — to review the annual Financial Statements of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir and the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa; monitor the proper selection and application of accounting principles and practices; review the extent to which previous recommendations have been implemented; and report back to the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees.

In accordance with this mandate our committee met on several occasions to examine both the financial statements of the United Jewish Appeal for the year ended December 31, 1989 and the statements of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1990.

Certain recommendations arising from these meetings are being followed up, and the necessary changes being made.

## Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee

Samuel Wex, Chairman



The Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee is mandated with overall responsibility for:

- planning for present and emerging community needs;
- allocating community resources; and
- overseeing the budgetary process that ensures communal fiscal responsibility.

The Planning, Priorities and Budget Committee will utilize a 100% base budget formula for financing the beneficiary agencies' programs in the fiscal year ending on June 30, 1992.

Given the possibility of a "flat" campaign, a set of guidelines was developed for the beneficiary agencies.

which encourage prudent and restrained spending, maximum utilization of allocated funds, creative fundraising for selected activities and, whenever possible, cost recovery for services rendered.

This past year the P.P. & B. Committee dealt with a variety of issues ranging from forecasting the beneficiary agencies' demand trends and the incoming funds trends, to intra-community loans. Discussions took place on centralization and consolidation of scholarship disbursement under one roof in a form of a "Loan Casa," which functions in some North American Jewish Communities. P.P. & B.

members are also involved in the work of related committees on long range campaign planning, community campus development, multiple campaigns and grants.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the P.P. & B. Committee: Dr. Eli Rabin, Stephen Victor, Dr. Maureen Molot, Dr. Bernard Dolansky, Dr. Bill James, Issie Landau, Richard Zuker, Andrew Katz, Morris Presser, Susannah Dorfman, and staff of the Vaad Ha'Ir: Gerry Koffman, Pauline E. Pankowski and Keith Jeacle for their efforts and commitment to the process.

## Israel Teen Trip Subsidies

Mark L. Berlin, Chairman



Each year the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir sets aside a sum of money to provide subsidies for Ottawa teens in grades 10-13 who wish to enroll in a recognized program in Israel, ranging from those offered by the Canadian Zionist Federation to University Study Programs. Granted these subsidies are a token gift. However, this policy is the only one of its kind in North America! Last year we were able to provide 24 Ottawa teens with such a gift. We see this as a small investment in the youth of our community.

In past years, it remains our continuing hope that those who have travelled to Israel under the auspices of this program will return with a newly found love and dedication towards the State of Israel, and they will maintain their commitment within our own community.

With the cessation of hostilities in the Gulf, it is our prayer this year will usher in the dawn of a peaceful resolution to outstanding conflicts in the Middle East. It is clear that the promise of peace shines more brightly today than it has in recent years, and we look forward to hearing from prospective applicants soon.

In closing, I would like to thank my colleagues who have worked so hard on this committee: Debra Cohen, Henry Molot, Linda Udaskin, Rabbi Arnold Fine, Ron Bora. I would also like to express my deep appreciation to Reuben Solomon, whose energy and enthusiasm ensures the success of our program each year.

In January of 1990, I began to plan the 1991 UJA Campaign. For the next few months I was involved in preparing the UJA's campaign plan, while developing a very strong UJA cabinet. It was about this time that I started to hear about the possibility of the rescue and resettlement of Soviet Jews into Israel. But it wasn't until about March that we were advised through United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc. that there would be a special campaign: Operation Exodus. I suddenly realized that I, my Vice-Chairmen John Tavel and Lawrence Soloway, along with Roslyn Kimmel, the Women's Division, and the rest of the UJA Cabinet and workers were about to embark on a special campaign that would raise money to bring the greatest aliyah since the holocaust.

**UJA Regular Campaign** — As we began to plan our regular campaign, we were aware that in these hard economic times we would also be going to the Jewish community for a second donation which would be

directed towards Operation Exodus. Our challenge was to develop a plan that would allow the Jewish Community to fund the regular UJA campaign, which is responsible for funding our local beneficiaries which affect our community members on a daily basis. The regular UJA campaign raises and distributes funds to beneficiary agencies such as our Hillel Academy and our five other Jewish schools, the Jewish Community Centre, social welfare programs through the Jewish Family Services of Ottawa-Carleton, and Hillel Canada Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges and the Tamir Foundation.

UJA also funds social welfare and educational programs in Israel. The Ottawa Jewish Community is constantly showing its leadership by raising additional funds every year. However, funds that are raised are not yet enough

to allow each agency to fund all of the programs that it would like to fund for the good of the Jewish Community. Our hope this year is to raise 3.6 million dollars for the regular UJA campaign. Essentially, we were not looking for an increase over last year's campaign pledge because we hoped that you would make an extra-special effort for Operation Exodus.

**UJA is Having a Seat Sale** — It's hard to believe that the Jewish Community of Ottawa, along with world Jewry, has been given an opportunity to save hundreds of thousands, maybe millions of lives. We have already rescued over 300,000 to 400,000 Soviet Jews. Imagine! You can take part



## United Jewish Appeal/ Operation Exodus

Lionel Shinder, General Chairman

in ensuring that Jewish men, women, and children will be able to start a new life in the safety and the freedom of Israel. All it takes is money. When you make a donation to Operation Exodus through the United Jewish Appeal, you are paying for their transportation from the Soviet Union to Israel. When they arrive in Israel they are greeted, given a small amount of money (which is also supplied through the United Jewish Appeal) and sent to their new home and their new community as part of the absorption process. Operation Exodus allows you to do something that we could not do 50 years ago for the Jews of Europe.

Even in these hard economic times, the

generosity of our community has allowed us to be one of the leaders in North America for giving to Operation Exodus. We are presently at \$3.4 million for Operation Exodus and I hope that we will be close to 4 million dollars when we are finished. Your Operation Exodus pledge is payable over three years. I encourage you to take part in this modern-day miracle. Remember, in the future your children will study this miracle and they will ask you, "Mom, Dad, what did you do to help?" Will you be able to say proudly that you did as much as you can? We hope that over the next 2-3 years a million or more Soviet Jews will come to Israel. You can help to facilitate this. Can there be any greater cause?

## U.J.A. Women's Division

Roslyn Kimmel, Chairman

The success of every venture is determined by the enthusiasm of the people involved. Therefore, two human resource goals were established at the outset of our campaign — one, to maintain the broad base of committed, involved, enthusiastic women and, two, to recruit capable new volunteers. This would ensure a strong future for Women's Division U.J.A.

The responsibility of Operation Exodus as well as securing the regular commitment resulted in the largest financial goal in the 18-year history of our division. To date we have raised \$932,455 — 1991 Regular Campaign \$527,364, a 6.5% increase and Operation Exodus \$405,091.

Programming offered something for women of all ages, interests and levels of involvement with UJA. The year began with a well-attended Canvasser Orientation session in August led by Adele Simon.

Fifteen new women were inducted into the Leadership Category at a dinner held in September. The evening featured Soviet immigrants who had made Aliyah.

Soprano Laura Kvinter and piano accompanist Chaim Grinshpon, moved the audience with their talent and warmth. A video was shown entitled "Anna and Olga" about the Kramer

family's last days in the Soviet Union and their subsequent immigration to Israel. When it was over, pediatric surgeon Vladimir Kramer spoke about his experiences as an emigre and thanked the gathering on behalf of those who had been assisted in leaving the Soviet Union.

"Celebration of Freedom", a special Operation Exodus event that drew 700 people, offered an evening of education, entertainment and enlightenment. The program began with greetings and short speeches of welcome from His Excellency Israel Gur-Arieh, Ambassador of Israel to Canada, local community dignitaries and UJA chairpeople. We were then entertained by the beautiful music of Laura Kvinter and Chaim Grinshpon. Next, the chair of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, Wendy Eisen, introduced the program, which began with a 17-minute video story of Elena Kais and her family's release from the Soviet Union and arrival in Israel. Immediately after the video presentation, the spotlight fell on Elena herself, who spoke on the crucial need of Soviet Jews for financial help in their resettlement.

Judy Scheininger, super-volunteer and incoming co-chairman of Toronto U.J.A. '92 campaign moved the audience at an Outreach

evening held in November. She discussed her own involvement and presented the group with a moral dilemma which proved to be an excellent introduction for newcomers.

A Young Leadership Development Group was established this fall. The new project was designed to develop a base of future leadership. Monthly meetings have been held. A course outline has been prepared and a recruitment program is about to begin.

To expand and enhance the education of members of Women's Division and the general community, two lectures on the history of Zionism were presented by Sara Vered. The lectures were well attended and the program response was excellent.

The Business and Professional Group has had three excellent programs: October's evening from Tashkent to Tel Aviv with Dr. Maureen Molot and Dr. Dorit Ravid; January's program "Women and Financial Independence" featured speaker Judith Hay; and April's breakfast with Dr. Lauren Woodhouse whose topic was entitled "Lateral Thinking". The final meeting will take place in May with Rosalie Abella as guest speaker.

Cabinet meetings this year highlighted various beneficiary agencies to

demonstrate tangibly how UJA dollars are working to change and improve Jewish lives. The October meeting was held at Hillel Lodge where Stephen Schneiderman addressed the cabinet. In December, our meeting focused on the Jewish Family Services Agency. Chairman of the Board of Directors, Margo Schwartz-Eliyan gave an overview of JSFA. Elaine Rabin of JSFA introduced our guests, the Muzikansky family who had immigrated from the Soviet Union ten years ago. Entertainment was provided by Isaac Muzikansky and a Chanukah candle-lighting ceremony followed.

Women's Division was active in Super Sunday and continued to achieve success with its well organized telethons collecting over \$28,000 on two occasions.

The 1991 Women's Division Cabinet consisted of a group of capable and committed women. Vera Klein, Immediate - Past Chair, Lynda Greenberg, Vice-Chair, Campaign, Bonnie Merovitz, Vice-Chair, Functions, Cally Kardash, Associate Vice-Chair, Leadership Development, Susan Vered, Associate Vice-Chair, Outreach and Public Relations and Paula Agulnik, Chair Business and Professional made up the executive.

Myra Aronson had the Canvasser Orientation Portfolio; Donna Dolansky the responsibility for Celebration of Freedom; Vera Klein chaired the Leadership Function; Outreach was organized by Debra Viner, Deborah Saginur and Carol Greenberg. Sara Vered held the Education Portfolio. Linda Nadolny-Cegan was in charge of Young Leadership Development. Super Sunday was organized by Rae

Goldstein and Sarah Swedler. Telethons were looked after by Roz Taller and Anne Shmelzer. Margo Kardish and Norma Slipacoff were responsible for Phoners; Lorraine Kaminsky handled the Mission Portfolio; Karen Zunder undertook Campaign Publicity and Elaine Citrome was the W.D. Newsletter Editor. The portfolios of Soviet Jewry and Youth were held by Ruth Berger and Roz Fremeth respectively.

There were 2049 donors and over 100 canvassers who worked diligently for Women's Division. The heads of the fundraising Category divisions were Sunny Tavel, Dorothy Nadolny, Elissa Ivy, Susannah Dafsen, Myra Presser, Ross Taylor, Sheila Hartman, Daphne Aron, Marilyn Kimmel, Rozzie Kanisberg, Gail Victor, Ingrid Levitz, Carol Kassie, Lillian Zunder, Francoise Vexler, Liz Schwartz, Hana Cannan, Arlene Glube, Enid Gould, Betsy Borden, Geri Goldstein, Linda Steingarten, Esther Baker and Thelma Steinman.

Cabinet members at-large worked on both fundraising and programming. Doris Bronstein, Naomi Cracower and Sarah Berke made up this group.

The Business and Professional Division continued to flourish and attract new members. It was led by Paula Agulnik and her competent executive.

I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve the Jewish community and I shall remember fondly my term as Women's Division Chair. The dedication, hard work and enthusiasm of the cabinet, past chairwomen, canvassers and volunteers was greatly appreciated.

May we continue to go from strength to strength.

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee had another very successful and exciting year.

Yom Ha-Shoah in 1990 has honoured the Jewish Veterans of Ottawa, who helped to end the war, and were there

to liberate the death camps. For that we were indebted to them.

Coinciding with the Year of Racial Harmony in Ottawa, we were able to bring the "Courage to Remember" exhibition from

the Wiesenthal Center. It was shown at the Nepean Civic Centre for three weeks. It was a tremendous success, visited by thirty schools and many hundreds of people.

We owe our thanks to Lillian Laks, who was the chairperson; Penny Bar-Noy, who had the difficult task to line up the schools; the docents and the survivors; to Fuzzy Zinman who trained and advised the docents for their challenging task. Esther Schvan from the Second Generation did a tremendous job, collecting artifacts from different people and from all places. It meant many months of hard work for her and gave an extra dimension to the exhibition.

Special thanks are due to the many docents and survivors, who gave many hours helping at the exhibition.

I feel that the involvement of the members of the Second Generation has shown, that they will carry on the torch, and the memory of the darkest era of our history will not be forgotten, even after we, the survivors, will have gone.

Under the chairmanship of



## Ottawa Holocaust Remembrance Committee

Vera Gara, Chair

that people can see it, search through the pages, and as it happened elsewhere they will find long forgotten friends or even relatives. I urge all who are eligible to come forward and call me 722-6422 to receive the form and be included in the book.

On the occasion of celebrating the Centenary of Beth Shalom Congregation our group was the first to be honored on Shabbat Shemini April 13 morning service. I received a certificate from Rabbi Aranov. I felt very honored on behalf of all of us.

I wish you all a very healthy happy summer.

## Canadian Foundation for Jewish Education

Martin K. Levinson, FCA, President



Religious education has always been regarded as indispensable to creative Jewish survival. As a consequence, schools of religious instruction have been established in Canada, Israel, the U.S. and other countries of the world. In order to be able to support Torah education, and at the same time receive valid tax receipts for contributions, the Canadian Foundation for Jewish Education was organized.

The Canadian Foundation for Jewish Education is a registered charity, authorized to grant scholarships for Torah education. In order to comply with Canadian income tax regulations, no monies can be sent to institutions without supporting application forms by needy students at the Yeshiva itself.

The Canadian Foundation for Jewish Education is not itself a fundraising organization. It is merely an agent to allow the various institutions the opportunity to solicit funds in our community which will be tax deductible.

Institutions wishing to collect funds must first receive approval from the Board of the Canadian Foundation for Jewish Education. Once approved, the institution is allotted a week to collect in the city. These dates are allotted on a pre-arranged basis by staff members at 151 Chapel St. When the representatives of the institution arrives, he reports to the office, presents his credentials, and obtains temporary receipt books supplied by the Foundation. The possession of these books assures the donor that the institution is valid, is authorized to collect, and is worthy of support.

Once the representative has completed his collections, the receipt books and the total sum collected are turned in to our offices. No monies will be released before completed scholarship forms are in our possession. When the form(s) have been received, we send a cheque for the full amount of the collection, less 5% for administration, directly to the institution in Canada, Israel or the United States. Our corresponding letter indicates the scholarship award recipient(s) and requests the institution to credit the account of the student with the sum in question.

We are pleased to list hereunder the names of the institutions which solicited funds in Ottawa during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1990 and the amounts raised by each of them:

Diskin Orphan Home, Israel	\$1,654.00
Rabbinical College of Canada	4,550.00
Beth Joseph Zvi Dushinsky, Israel	2,387.40
Center Yeshiva Beth Joseph, Israel	450.00
Maor Hagola Rabbinical College, Canada	1,007.00
Yeshiva Lomza Petach Tikvah, Israel	493.00
Yeshiva Gedola Merkaz Hatorah, Canada	866.00
Ner Israel Rabbinical College, U.S.A.	1,327.00
Knesset Bnei Hagol, Israel	2,004.00
Yeshiva Ohel Moshe Diskin, Israel	1,591.60
Ner Israel Yeshiva College, Canada	919.00
Beth Jacob School for Girls, Canada	1,803.00
Ohr Chaim Tasher Yeshiva, Canada	534.00
Congregation Imray Chaim, Canada	178.00
Agudas Tomchei Nachal Novea, U.S.A.	1,202.00
	\$20,966.00

The number of institutions coming to Ottawa is decreasing each year due to the difficulty in the organizations' finding individuals to come to collect.

As well, the Foundation acts as a transmittal agent for certain institutions. These funds are sent in from other communities in Canada and the Foundation handles the transfer, scholarship forms and receipting. For this service, a 3% administration charge is levied. During the fiscal year under review, the following out-of-town funds were received and distributed:

Ponevez Yeshiva, Israel	\$38,820.14
Heichal Hatalmud, Israel	3,316.35
Hebrew Theological College, U.S.A.	300.00

\$42,445.49

## Jewish Community Cemeteries

Israel Shinder, Chairman



The two Jewish cemeteries have had a busy year. We are continuing with the same staff of groundskeepers, Fred Leclair at the old cemetery and Rick Nesrallah at the new one.

The Agudath Israel congregation found itself running out of plots to sell in the new cemetery. As a consequence, we went in to high gear last fall to remedy that situation. We leveled and seeded and installed irrigation for an additional three acres of land which will add approximately 900 plots

to their section. It is the second phase of the existing plan. Under our agreement with synagogues, Agudath Israel will pay for the cost of the extension. We shall need a lot of trees to bring this section up to par with the existing landscaping.

I have been informed that Temple Israel is planning to enhance its section with additional trees, and this too will help with the general appearance of the grounds.

I wish to thank all our members who work very diligently on behalf of their synagogues. They are as

follows: for Agudath Israel: Ben Karp and Mel Goldfarb; for Beth Shalom: Nap Kapinsky, Hy Gould, Rubin Kalis and Leon Leckie; for Machziki Hadass: Pinchas Pleat; for Young Israel: Dr. Norman Tenenbaum; for Temple Israel: Dr. Mortimer Bercovitch.

Many thanks to the community staff and particularly to Keith Jeacle.

Finally, our annual memorial Cemetery Service will be held at the Bank St. Cemetery on Sunday, September 1, 1991.



A new signature tune and new opening frames have signalled an exciting production year for Shalom Ottawa. This year has seen coverage of major community events such as: A Celebration of Freedom, Arts Alive, A Taste of Chocolate, and The Courage to Remember. Also we have taken in-depth looks at various community institutions and agencies e.g. Hillel Academy, Jewish

Social Services Agency, Meals on Wheels, The Nearly New Shop. An added feature brought back to Shalom Ottawa this year, after several years hiatus, has been the popular cooking segments. Audiences were taught to make parsnip pie by Mindy Wershest, chocolate brownies by Donna Strauss, potato latkes by Ruth Fyman and matza pizza by Donna Karpin. Marion Silver and Ed Fine

have served as co-hosts and co-producers. This year they have received invaluable assistance from Mike Shaver, a retired technical director from CBC and Jordy Kraut, a student at Algonquin College's School of Broadcasting.

Marion and Ed look forward to continuing to serve the community next year and would very much welcome other interested volunteers who wish to join the Shalom Ottawa team.

## Shalom Ottawa

Marion Silver, Chairman  
Ed Fine, Co-Hosts

## Ottawa Jewish Historical Society

Ben Karp, President

Shirley Berman, Archivist

The primary goal of the OJHS is the preservation of local Jewish history. Our commitment entails the ongoing collection and preservation of worthy records and artifacts in accordance with contemporary archival standards. In this, our twentieth year of operation as a small archives, public knowledge about our community resource has grown with our collections. During the past year the archives have been utilized by representatives of federal and municipal governments, students of Ottawa and Carleton universities, Algonquin College, and members of the community. Global requests for genealogical and historical information reach us by correspondence. Although most requests for information come from members of the Jewish community, the major part of academic requests come from serious students outside the community. These students working with primary source records are invariably impressed with the level of accomplishment and contribution made by Jewish individuals and organizations to Canadian society.

This year we were awarded a \$10,382. grant

from the Ontario Council of Archives to arrange the backlog records of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir. The arrangement of these important papers continues. The funds enabled us to hire Mark Trudel, and to train him in archival procedure.

Our popular series of talks about the history of local Jewish families continued with growing success. Dorothy Karp, Nap Kapinsky, Hy Maser, Dave Smith and Joseph Lieff presented interesting talks about Jewish life during the developing years of our community. In the promotion of multiculturalism, photographs and artifacts from our collections were utilized by Shirley Berman during presentations about Jewish history and genealogy. These took place at local high schools and at the Museum of Civilization.

Our membership has grown considerably and we continue to welcome new members and volunteers. Our quarterly OJHS Newsletter includes detailed information about collections and activities.

In addition to the collection of manuscript materials, the society has also become the repository for artifacts relating to local

Jewish history. Some of these are presently being displayed as part of an exhibition entitled "Beth Shalom Centenary," which marks 100 years of Jewish religious life in Ottawa. The exhibition prepared by the society for the Beth Shalom.

Congregation is the first of a two-part exhibit co-ordinated by Esther Bilsky, vice-president of the OJHS. It will be displayed at the Beth Shalom synagogue until the end of June.

Manuscripts, documents, photographs and artifacts are constantly being added to our collections and we encourage new acquisitions.

We are very appreciative of those volunteers and patrons who so generously continue to sustain our activities. We would like to thank the Vaad, the JCC, and particularly volunteer Herbert Wortman who has faithfully maintained a newspaper clipping service for a number of years.

The community archives are located at 151 Chapel Street. Hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 to 4:30 throughout the year or by appointment. Telephone, We welcome requests at 232-7306.



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## Shalom Welcome Service

Ann Goldberg,  
Beryl Ben-Reuven, Co-Chairs



The Shalom Welcome Service was established in order to assist newcomers to integrate into the Ottawa Jewish Community. It is run by volunteers, many of them relative newcomers themselves.

Newcomers to our community are put on the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review* mailing list and are contacted by a volunteer who telephones them and extends greetings on behalf of the Ottawa Jewish Community. A Shalom Welcome booklet and a letter of welcome from the president of the Jewish Community Council are sent. Newcomers are invited to a coffee and cake evening which not only gives them the opportunity to learn about the Ottawa Jewish Community, its institutions and organizations, but also gives them the opportunity to meet other newcomers to the community. Since September Shalom Welcome has welcomed over 125 people to the community. A coffee and cake reception was held in January and another will be held in the Spring.

Shalom Welcome Service extends an invitation to the community to inform us about newcomers to Ottawa so that they can be invited to one of our informational and social evenings.

We also welcome new volunteers to Shalom Welcome Service and representatives of Ottawa Jewish organizations, services, schools and synagogues who would like to provide brochures or representatives for our invitational evenings.

To provide names of newcomers, become a volunteer, or obtain further information, contact Kayla Mallay at the Jewish Community Council, 232-7306.

## Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review

Mark Max, Chairman  
Cynthia Engel, Editor  
Alyce Baker, Business Manager

"typesetting" and thereby reduce our production costs. In addition, our accounting systems and reporting procedures will be improved and accelerated.

Once again, I would like to sincerely thank the members of the committee - Myra Aronson and Miriam Bloom and express my appreciation to Gerry Koffman and his staff for their continuing advice and assistance. This report, like so many others before it, concludes with the thanks to and recognition of Cindy Engel's outstanding efforts as our editor. This is wrong. Every report should begin with our thanks to Cindy who continues to turn out the Bulletin single-handedly, issue after issue. At the 57th General Assembly of The Council of Jewish Federations held in Cincinnati last fall, the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review was once again awarded a plaque for excellence in public relations. Bravo to our community, bravo to everyone involved in putting out our paper and especially, bravo to Cindy.



The Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review is published by the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa - Vaad Ha'ir and is the only vehicle within our community disseminating news of local activities as well as providing a brief overview of worldwide Jewish events. Added to the mix of local announcements/reports/fundraising efforts and JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency) global news feeds are advice, reviews and commentary of our regular columnists: the "Vaad Report" from our President; our editor's "Commentary"; "View from the Pulpit" - a platform shared by our community rabbis; Donna Karlin's thought for food "From Soup to Nuts"; and Deanna Silverman's "Kid Lit". This year we were very pleased to add to this list, a senior's viewpoint with Ruth Quartin Berger's "sixtysomething" and Justin Cammy's delightful and passionate ruminations in "The Jerusalem Notebook". The Jewish

Community Centre's "Centrefold" with its cultural, social and sports news for kids, teens and seniors is also a bright, lively and eagerly awaited monthly insert in the Bulletin.

The Bulletin averages twenty-two, 28-page issues a year, including this special June edition for the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Jewish Community. Funded by the UJA, the Bulletin's circulation of 3,500 reaches almost every home in the Ottawa Jewish Community via second-class mail, as well as former Ottawans who have left the city, our students attending out-of-town universities and

even Florida "snowbirds".

This past year, the Committee continued to examine all aspects of the Bulletin's operation with a view towards taking whatever measures might be available to us to further reduce the accumulated deficit so that perhaps (could it ever be possible?) we could see the day when the publishing of our community's newspaper is a break-even proposition.

Testimony to Alyce Baker's strong sales efforts, is the fact that our advertising revenues have remained constant ever throughout these difficult economic times. And with Alyce as our full-time

business manager, we are now able to examine and review on an ongoing basis such matters as subscription policy, account management, and advertising rates. The rise in postal rates as of March 1, 1991, effectively increased our postage costs by 50% per issue at a time when we were just beginning to see some light. This substantial increase in costs is a real blow to our improving financial position. Obviously, we are looking at ways of softening this blow.

The committee is eagerly awaiting the "computerization" of the Vaad's offices. This will enable us to do our own

## Women's Federation

Vera Klein, President



One of the inherent aims of Women's Federation lies in its educational and awareness component. Because of my involvement with the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies, I thought it might be beneficial to connect Women's Federation with a recent project being sponsored by the Center. The exhibit, "A Courage to Remember" was being held at the Nepean Civic Square, from March 28 to April 16. "The Courage to Remember" was a tribute to the six million Jews and millions of others murdered by the Nazis between 1933 and 1945; it was also a warning, that the root causes of the Holocaust still persist.

A letter was sent out to all women presidents to invite them to participate with their groups in the form of a tour/meeting to be held at this exhibit. It was a good opportunity for their group members to see the exhibit, and to combine it with a meeting on the site.

A second mandate of this portfolio, has been to organize a Leadership Retreat for members of the Vaad Executive. Because of other more pressing matters, this will be delayed to the early fall. A small committee will be meeting shortly to discuss the plausibility/merits of this retreat. Though my tenure of Women's Federation president will be over shortly, I have been asked, and will be glad to help in co-ordinating this retreat.

The Community Relations Committee deals with local, regional, national and international issues as they affect our community.

An effort to inform community members about issues being addressed by the Community Relations Committee was made this year by instituting a regular Community Relations Report in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and Review written by the committee chair. A list of government and media contacts was published and community members were urged to become active players in voicing their opinions about community relations issues.

The Gulf War was the major event which impacted upon the community in the past year. Community efforts were co-ordinated by the Canada-Israel Crisis Management Team led by Steven Victor. A community rally, held January 21 in solidarity with the people of Israel and in support of the Canadian Armed Forces in the Gulf, was attended by 1300 community members. Strong support from politicians was expressed.

Media coverage was active. Political liaison has been a key element of community relations. Funding to independent schools, Canada's role in the Gulf War, the cemetery desecration and Holocaust denial have been major issues. Security measures in the community which had been put in place for the High Holy Days were increased. Contact with the R.C.M.P. and police surveillance of community



institutions and leadership were maintained throughout the Gulf War.

Receptions held with politicians have been a successful means to build contacts. The Jewish Community Council held a November reception at the home of President Dr. Eli Rabin. The community was represented at a National Community Relations Committee political liaison reception held in Toronto in April which five Ottawa MPPs attended.

Initiatives have been taken by local politicians in support of the Jewish community. Alderman Mark Maloney co-ordinated The Rally for Racial Harmony, a counter to Holocaust denier David Irving's November appearance at the Ottawa Congress Centre. All All Ottawa MPPs jointly expressed concern to the Chairman of the Ottawa Congress Centre about Irving's appearance and Aldermen Diane Holmes, Nancy Smith and Mark Maloney actively appealed to the Congress Centre Board with the Jewish and multicultural communities.

Alderman Maloney also instigated a school-wide assembly held at Glebe Collegiate in February with Hol-

## Jewish Community

### Campus

Amor Vered, President

The Jewish Community Campus, which includes 881 Broadview and 881 Broadview, is the home of Hillel Academy, Ottawa Modern Jewish School, Talmud Torah Afternoon School, the JCC Summer Day Camp, the JCC Day Care Centre and other ongoing programs by the Jewish Community Centre which are provided throughout the year. The management of the two buildings is performed by the Jewish Community Centre.

To meet the immediate needs of Hillel Academy, extensive renovations were completed during the summer of 1990 within 881 Broadview to provide three additional classrooms for the 1990/91 school year.

Included in the renovations were the rebuilding of Hillel Academy's library and changes to exterior areas.

The successful use of 881 Broadview for the JCC Day

Care Centre has further strengthened the value of a west end location for Jewish community activities. Presently, the Jewish Community Centre has applied for a provincial government grant to renovate the remainder of 881 Broadview as a cultural centre for new programs.

A Campus Use Policy is being utilized in order to satisfy various requests with respect to the availability of 881 and 881 Broadview. It is acknowledged, though, that the schools within the facility have the first priority.

Presently, 881 Broadview is being over-utilized and therefore all of the requests for its usage have not been fulfilled.

Preliminary plans have been discussed for future expansion to satisfy long-range needs. It is required each school year to address Hillel Academy's immediate needs. Once the classroom

needs for the 1991/92 school year have been satisfied future requests can only be accomplished by expansion.

The 881 Broadview site was purchased by means of a very successful campaign. There are outstanding pledges from this initial campaign. Significant fundraising still remains to be performed to cover the purchase of 881 Broadview and the renovation costs to 881 Broadview. The community's commitment to the Broadview site must be revived in order to satisfy both present and future expansion needs.

I wish to thank the campus board of directors and the Officers Margie Kardash, Lawrence Weinstein, Elisa Lieff-Rensnick for their participation. Special thanks to Ron Bors and the JCC staff and to Pauline Pankowski and Keith Jeacle of the Jewish Community Council staff.

counter the Jerusalem Day ad placed by Friends of Palestine, Ottawa Muslim Forum on April 12. Guidelines for advocacy advertising are being discussed with the Publisher and Advertising Director of the Citizen. A meeting was held with Jim Robb, Editor of the Letters to the Editor Page, concerning the treatment of letters about Holocaust denial.

Kurdish Relief efforts were supported by the Jewish Community Council through a direct donation to the Canadian Red Cross Kurdish Relief Fund. The community was urged to make donations as individuals.

A speakers' series at Ottawa University organized by Prof. Yves Bled received organizational input. In co-sponsorship with the Israel Program Centre and the Jewish Community Centre, the Jewish Community Council organized an evening with Israeli author Haim Chertok about "the Russification of Israel."

The Community Relations chair and director were involved in speaking engagements. Nursing students at Algoma College in Pemroke received a presentation about the spiritual needs of Jewish patients. The Golden Age Club received a talk about Community Relations in Ottawa. The Women's Business and Professional group received a Mideast Update.

Should you be confronted with an issue concerning community relations you should feel free to contact Community Relations Director Ruth Kahane at 232-7306.



## Community Relations Committee

Dr. Maureen Molot, Chair

oocaust survivors from the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Community Council speaking to the students after a Holocaust denial article was published in the student newspaper.

Holocaust education in the schools is viewed as an important issue. About fifteen Ottawa and Carleton Board schools attended student tours and met with a Holocaust survivor at The Courage To Remember exhibit from the Simon Wiesenthal Centres showcased at the Nepean Atrium Gallery March 28 to April 16 by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee.

A reception held at the exhibit on Yom Ha Shoah served to inform local politicians of the importance of Holocaust remembrance.

The issue of public venues being used as a platform for racism has been pursued after the Ottawa Congress Centre refused to cancel the appearance of David Irving on the grounds of free speech. Later in November, due to a community relations effort, the Ottawa Public Library cancelled a booking by a group called Citizens for Foreign Aid Review with racist speakers Ron Gostick of the Canadian League of Rights and Eric Butler of the

Australian League of Rights.

The Ottawa Board of Education Multiculturalism Advisory Committee (MAC) was an important arena of activity. Monitoring of The Teachers' Handbook of Ethnocultural Profiles, which required considerable effort to deal with the content of the Palestinian community profile, was handled by Walter Hendelman and Steve Naor. The OBE Everystudent Survey subcommittee was chaired by Walter Hendelman.

An effort was made to monitor and participate in the growing number of ethnic organizations in Ottawa. Sheila Ray attended meetings of the Multicultural Centre, which is being organized by Lawrence Greenspon, and Jean Boulaiki monitored a newly formed group called the Ethnocultural Alliance of the Capital Region.

The media monitoring committee, chaired by Ron Singer has been active in following the media and responding with Letters To The Editor about contentious issues. A community campaign of phone calls, letters and a petition to the Prime Minister's Office and The Ottawa Citizen was held on Yom Ha Atzmaut to

## Panel on Jewish Education

Richard Zuker, Chairman



The Panel on Jewish Education is a standing committee of the Vaad Ha'ir that involves beneficiary Jewish schools in the community in the planning and allocation process. The schools represented on the panel are Akiva High School, Hillel Academy, Ottawa Modern Jewish School, Star of David Hebrew School, Talmud Torah Afternoon School and Temple Israel Religious School. The panel includes both representatives of the schools and members of the community at large.

One of the major responsibilities of the panel is to address the financial concerns of the schools, primarily through the annual budgetary process. Based on budget submissions by the schools, the panel makes recommendations for school operating grants to the Planning, Priorities, and Budget Committee for review prior to submission to the executive committee of the Vaad. In addition to the operating grants, all scholarships provided by the schools are funded by the Vaad.

This year the panel continued to attempt to resolve the long-standing issue of evaluation of the schools. Unfortunately no consensus could be achieved. Scholarship policies were also reviewed with a view to maintaining consistency among the schools. The panel is hoping to organize an Education Dinner next year as a major fundraising event.

On Sunday evening, May 11, the panel hosted a Kaleidoscope of Jewish Education at which all the Jewish schools and educational institutions showcased the wide range of educational opportunities available in our community. Rabbi Eliot Malomet of Congregation Adat Re'im of Dollard des Ormeaux, and formerly of Ottawa, gave an inspiring talk on what we can do to enhance Jewish education in the home.

I would like to thank all the representatives of the schools and the members at large for their participation. A particular thank you to Pauline Parkowski, director of Community Planning, who serves as secretary to the panel, for her tremendous efforts and support.

Soviet Jewry concerns, always a community priority, have taken a dramatic shift over the course of the last two years. The opening of the doors of the Soviet Union has meant a literally overwhelming change from the realities of the past affecting both our brothers and sisters within the Soviet Union and Israel. In 1990 — 183,732 Jews emigrated to Israel from the Soviet Union and 33,860 have arrived in the first three months of this year. It is anticipated that Israel will welcome 300,000 immigrants in 1991. Now, Operation Exodus is helping in the process of bringing the close to one million Jews who have applied for visas to Israel, to their homeland, and is a community and world-wide priority.

Our Simha Torah Rally was held on October 14, 1990. Our banner read "Keep Up the Momentum" while the banner for the previous year's rally read "Rally of Hope," which, in itself, signifies the dramatic changes. David Kilgour was our guest speaker and the Israella Singers led us in our march. It was a rally of thanks and anticipation that our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union will be free to live as Jews in the Soviet Union, or to leave as

## Ottawa Soviet Jewry Committee

Sunny Tavel      Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka, co-chairs

promised to join their extended family in Israel.

An annual highlight on the Soviet Jewry calendar is Human Rights Day, which was celebrated in conjunction with Congregation Machzikei Hadas. This joint program featured Helen Cooper, of the Jews of Arab Lands Committee, who presented the film *In the Shadows: The Forgotten Jews of Syria*. Helen spoke eloquently about the desperate plight of Syrian Jewry and as well gave a compelling look at the remnants of a once thriving community living a life that is barely a life at all.

Another highlight on the Soviet Jewry calendar was Soviet Jewry Shabbat, this year held at Agudath Israel Synagogue, which featured as guest speaker Wendy Eisen, co-chairman for the National Committee on Soviet Jewry. Wendy

## Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation

Issie Landau, President



The Officers and Directors are pleased to report that since the last Vaad Annual Meeting, the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation has continued its steady growth. The total capital in the foundation as at December 31, 1990 was \$4,690,670, consisting of 334 individual funds. During the past 12 months our capital increased by \$316,486. Since the year end we have increased our capital by an additional \$66,265, bringing our total capital to \$4,756,935 as at March 31, 1991. The total allocations to local and Israeli charities for the year ended December 31, 1990 was \$440,345 and it is anticipated that \$470,000 will be available for distribution for the year ended 1991.

The following funds were established since the last annual meeting of the Vaad: Arnold and Beila Abrahamson Memorial Fund, Barry and Ricki Baker Fund, Eliezer Menachem Bulka

Endowment Fund, Nat Edelstein Memorial Fund, Cornelius and Leslie Engel Endowment Fund, Cynthia and Abe Engel Endowment Fund, Ben (Berkhik) and Ida Greenberg Endowment Fund, Fritzl and Max (Chief) Greenberg Endowment Fund, Kerszman Family Endowment Fund, Dr. Joseph and Grace Koreen Fund, Laurie Levitin Memorial Fund, Ida and Sidney Lithwick Endowment Fund, Sylvia and Alex Morin Endowment Fund, Jean and Max Naemar Endowment Fund, Abe and Bertha Palmer Family Fund, Myra and Morris Presser Endowment Fund, Sara and Zeev Vered Endowment Fund.

The Insurance Program continues to meet with the community's acceptance. Our total insurance in force as at March 31, 1991 was \$4,450,000. If you are in the age group between 30 and 40 and both spouses are non-smokers, the premium is unbelievably low. Speak to

your insurance agent and get the rate that applies to you. The Foundation will issue official receipts for income tax purposes for the entire premium.

Much of our growth has come from bequests in wills. Therefore, the Directors are again suggesting that when planning or updating your will, discuss a bequest to the Foundation with your lawyer to perpetuate your name in the community forever. The bequest can be directed to benefit a favorite charity within the city, or it can be left to the discretion of the Directors, who will allocate the income to a beneficiary agency that requires financial aid.

For information regarding the establishment of a fund, contact Casey Swedlow at 236-5442, Laura Greenberg or Howard Goldberg at 232-7306. For a copy of the Annual Report and Auditor's Statement contact Laura Greenberg.



by other b'nai and b'nit Mitzvot.

Having read the above one might ask if, with all of this positive news, whether the Soviet Jewry Committee has not totally succeeded in fulfilling its mandate. However, there are still compelling cases of Refuseniks at hand and continued reports of anti-Semitism. This, taken together with the potential unrest in the Soviet Union, and the history our people have had in this country, tells us that there are still dangers. A Jewish lady in Moscow was reported to have said recently, "We have to cope with the real possibility that there will be a military revolution and that the new government will close the borders, taking us back to the days when nobody could leave the country."

It is our fervent hope and prayer that our people within the Soviet Union will be free to practice both religious and cultural freedom without harassment and will continue to be allowed to emigrate to Israel.

We conclude with our hope that Operation Exodus and United Jewish Appeal enjoy continued success as their funds address every need so vital to this wonderful Aliyah.

dedicated Soviet Jewry Shabbat to every man, woman and child who had sent a letter or telegram or who had signed a petition on behalf of the Soviet Jewish Refuseniks or Prisoners of Zion. She talked about the dynamic and electrifying exodus now taking place, which had its Genesis over two decades ago, while for nearly three decades the Jews of Silence were seeking emigration from the U.S.S.R.

This year has seen the beginnings of the Tri-Country Heritage Program which will link Canada and Israel with the Jews of the Soviet Union in order to facilitate Jewish Education. The Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry of Canadian Jewish Congress have selected Samarkand, in Uzbekistan, as the Soviet community to be tripletted

## Young Leadership

Robert Greenberg, Chairman

The strength of our Ottawa Jewish Community tomorrow ... depends on the development and placement of its leaders today. These young men and women must carry the torch from generation to generation if our community is to continue to prosper and grow.

The Young Leadership Program of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council Vaad Ha'Ir has initiated a highly successful series of educational programs which have served to enlighten participants of our legacy and enhance their knowledge of the Jewish community structure.

We have been pleased to

present a variety of memorable evenings including: a tour of The Coat of Many Colours at the Canadian Museum of Civilization; participation in the Celebration of Freedom for Operation Exodus; a social event with today's community leaders; a discussion on leadership with Elinor Caplan, the former Ontario Minister of Health; a study of the investigation of war crimes in Canada under the guidance of Mr. Arnold Fradkin, the former Deputy Director of Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section of the Canadian Department of Justice; a look into the infrastructure of our own Ottawa Jewish

Community Council Vaad Ha'Ir; an experiential game of Histicon which examined community needs; a forum on Jewish Family Structure with Dr. Peggy Kleinplatz; and a discussion of Israel led by his Excellency, Ambassador Itzhak Shelef.

On behalf of all participants, I believe that we have come away from these evenings with a renewed sense of our mission and it is my hope that the development of young leaders through programs such as this will be an ongoing objective of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council.



## Jewish Teen Leadership Council

Shelley Samel, Chairman

The Jewish Teen Leadership Council has had a very successful year. As the umbrella for all Jewish Teen organizations in the city, the J.T.L.C. meets on a monthly basis to plan and coordinate all unaffiliated teen programs in Ottawa as well as to ensure that there are no timing conflicts among the other teen programs. The J.T.L.C.'s main goal is to encourage maximum Jewish teen participation at various programs.

The Council is comprised of representatives from B'nai Brith, USY, Frosty, Dror Habonim and NCSY.

J.T.L.C. activities this year included an extremely successful and well attended



formal dance which was held at Minto Place Hotel, a break from the winter blah's at the Kanata wave pool and a very entertaining comedy club night featuring comedians from Yuk Yuk's. Plans are now underway for a closing moonlight dance in June.

The J.T.L.C. organized the community Purim carnival and helped in recruiting teen volunteers for Super Sunday and the UJA Walkathon.

Executive members of the council included Adam Katz as vice-chairman and Jen Kassie as secretary. Jon Braum as J.C.C. staff and Mark Cantor as advisor provided invaluable guidance and experience throughout the year.

## Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers

Naomi Lipsky-Cracower, Chairman



This year marked another success for the Ladies Reception Committee for Newcomers to the Ottawa Jewish Community with the celebration of its 67th tea.

For more than thirty years, hundreds of women from around the world have been welcomed by the Committee. Our Founding Chairman Bea Hock has had a sincere concern that no newcomer should be alone and friendless in a strange community. Her dedication to befriending newcomers, seeking them out and making them welcome is infectious to the whole community. Today she still remains a pillar of strength to all of us.

This Committee is a volunteer group of 18 women, "Chai," under the auspices of the Vaad Ha'Ir. Our mandate is to offer newcomers friendship and hospitality and to assist in integrating them into our community. As a committee, we are proud of the many lasting friendships that have originated at our teas. The

present committee members are: Sarah Berke, Rose Betcherman, Ruth Calof, Marcia Caplan, Rena Cohen, Naomi Cracower, Doris Edelstein, Ronnie Gavie, Vera Glube, Carol Greenberg, Beatrice Hock, Sonia Kizell, Miriam Levitin, Ida Lithwick, Shirley Solomon, Miriam Weiner, Ethel Taylor, Sally Weltman and Greta Cohen.

Two teas are held each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Committee planning meetings are held prior to the teas. Invitations are issued to all new women newcomers, followed by a telephone call.

Transportation is available for those who require it. For the teas, sandwiches and desserts are prepared by the committee members. The guests are welcomed and introduced to one another. A printed list of Jewish organizations and community activities is distributed.

The spring tea this year will be on Sunday, June 16 at the home of Ethel Taylor. Those interested in attending are asked to call Naomi Cracower.

## Camp B'nai Brith of Ottawa

Jack Smith, Chairman  
Allan Kathnelson, Camp Director



The summer of 1990 was filled with sounds of laughter, learning, excitement and friendship! To an already balanced program of challenging sports (Land, Gymnasium, Waterfront) and creative/expressive arts (Drama, Dance and Crafts) the camp initiated an exciting and meaningful Judaic program.

The expansion of Junior Camp programming continued to be one of our goals. In addition to the very successful Camp Mother position created in 1989, we added the role of Junior Camp Consultant. The net effect of our efforts was to upgrade Junior Camper programming and to raise staff awareness levels towards the emotional and developmental needs of our youngest campers. We accomplished this with no

inclusion into our already well respected program for Senior Campers which included leadership training experiences, intra camp competitions, exciting sports contests such as Grey Cup and World Cup and a memorable wilderness canoe trip.

The camp continues to be committed to strong specialty programming in Tennis, Swim instruction, Waterskiing, Canoeing, Surfing & Sailing, Drama, Dance and Arts & Crafts.

Staff in these areas are experienced, knowledgeable and, in most cases, certified by their respective associations. (Royal Life Saving Society, The Canadian Waterski Association, O.R.C.A., Red Cross Association).

This coming summer promises to be even more

exciting! In addition to Ontario and Quebec, campers will be arriving from Florida, New York, Los Angeles, Winnipeg, Las Vegas, Washington, D.C. and Israel. We have built a fabulous new climbing apparatus and several of our other facilities have been upgraded. A large number of last year's staff will be returning, giving us the continuity necessary for good staff development.

We will continue to offer campers exciting and fulfilling activities of the highest quality in a warm and supportive environment, with caring, dedicated and effective staff members.

Camp B'nai Brith of Ottawa is owned and operated by B'nai Brith of Ottawa, Ottawa Lodge 885 and has been in the present location in Quyon, Quebec for over 40 years.

**A HAPPY, SAFE AND  
HEALTHFUL SUMMER  
TO YOU AND YOUR  
FAMILIES**



## Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth

Aaron Sarna, Chairman  
Moe Litwack, Vice-Chairman

The Ottawa Vaad Hakashruth is the sole community kashruth-granting agency in the city. As such, it supervises kosher food production and preparation in key institutions and establishments. It disseminates news on the observance of kashruth and the availability of kosher products and services. Active rabbinic and lay committees meet regularly.

During the year, the Vaad Hakashruth continued to provide kashruth supervision at United Kosher Meat and Deli and Blue Heron Fishery on Richmond Road. At Rideau Bakery, bread and bread products produced at its Bank Street plant were under the Vaad's supervision and were kosher and pareve. In addition, challah was taken nightly. Dairy products produced by Ault Dairies were granted certification for Passover use and fish for Passover as supervised at two Blue Heron stores.

Negotiations were completed with the Chateau Laurier Hotel to establish a kosher kitchen facility and this has been operating well. In a related vein, a study was undertaken to review the state of kosher catering in Ottawa. As a result of community feedback, a decision was made to authorize a third full-time caterer in the city as well as smaller caterers specializing in dessert and pastry preparations. Six applicants for the full-time catering position have come forward and hearings before the Vaad Hakashruth are continuing. A dessert/pastry caterer has already been approved (Myra-Rose Gourmet Baking) operating from Beth Shalom West.

The Vaad was also responsible for ensuring kashruth at the following synagogues: Beth Shalom, Agudat Israel, Young Israel, Beth Shalom West and Machzikei Hadas, as well as Hillel Lodge, the Jewish Community Centre, B'nai Brith JCC summer camps, Jack Smith's Kosher Catering and Jack Edelson Catering.

The Vaad continued its publicity program of bringing a greater awareness of kashruth to the community through its regular Kosher Corner column in the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review* and through the Eruvav-Mizrahi calendar.

In addition, kashruth services at local hospitals and public homes for the aged are to be strengthened.

The Vaad Hakashruth is a constituent agency of the Jewish Community Council/Vaad Ha'ir, which comprises a 23-member lay committee representing all synagogues (with the exception of Temple Israel), Hillel Lodge, and four members at large; in addition, the Rabbinic Committee is composed of Rabbis Saul Aranov, Mordechai Berger, Reuven Bulka, Arnold Fine and Gershon Sonnenschein. Three mashgichim supervise kashruth throughout the year and additional mashgichim are retained for Passover and summer camp supervision responsibilities.



## Star of David

### Hebrew School

Sandy Ages, Chairperson  
Hennie Honigman, Principal

The Star of David Hebrew School is in its fifteenth year of operation and situated at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue. In 1976 a dedicated group of parents pursued their strong feelings for a Jewish education for a group of eighteen children. Presently, Star of David Hebrew School accommodates students from Kindergarten to Grade VII. The Hebrew school is an integral part of the synagogue. Our school is grateful for the support of Rabbi Bulka and Cantor Levinson.

Our goal is to give our children an understanding and appreciation of their Jewish heritage through the study of History, Chumash, Dinim (Laws and Customs), tefillah, and Hebrew. The siddur is read daily to familiarize the children with the services of the synagogue, and to identify with Israel. The school has its own library and students are encouraged to read the wide selection of books and reference materials.

The school focuses on the individual needs of each child. Our principal, Hennie Honigman is very attentive to each student's level of learning and understanding. She encourages parental

feedback and suggestions. Remedial and enrichment programs are available. Kindergarten classes are held on Mondays — 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Grades I-VII, Monday and Wednesday 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. "Never on Sunday." Bar and bas mitzvah classes and instruction are available.

Our activities over the year included:  
Rosh Hashana — Shofar Blowing Contest — Refreshments Apples and Honey. Arts and Crafts.

Chanukah — Hillel Lodge Program with skits, singing of Hebrew and Yiddish songs; dancing the hora with parents; all arts and crafts are made by the students decorated the lounge at Hillel Lodge. Every resident received a Chanukah card made by the students. School Chanukah program — Guest Speaker — Videos — lighting of the candles made for an enjoyable program.

Tu B'Shevat — We celebrated by planting seeds, creative arts and crafts and an informative video. A "Seder" was conducted by the Grade 7 students; children were encouraged to

buy trees.

Purim — Costumes — games — arts and crafts — songs — Hamantashen were baked by the students.

Passover — School model Seder took place with all grades participating.

Holocaust — School program — essays written by students — speaker.

Lag B'omer Outing — Baseball and interschool games.

Throughout the year there were visiting speakers on various topics. Readathon took place in all grades. A visit to the Nepean Civic Square to view "The Courage to Remember" Exhibit was extremely worthwhile.

Funding is accomplished through Star of David Hebrew School Donation Cards, Garage Sale, Voluntary Contributions, Raffle Sale.

The Star of David Hebrew School has become an important entity in the Jewish community and is dedicated to the individual needs of each child. "Participation and Encouragement" is our Magic Formula.



## Jewish Family Services

Margo Schwartz Eliany, Chairman  
Elaine Rabin, Executive Director

Jewish Family Services embarked on its eleventh year of service to the community with a change of name to better reflect our expanding mandate to meet the needs of the entire Jewish family.

We are very pleased with the success of our Children's Outreach Programme, a pilot project supported by the Vaad Ha'ir, which provides counselling in the Parochial School System. The services of the Children's worker were especially appreciated during the Gulf War in helping to assuage the fears of our troubled students.

Delivery of service has continued to grow in our traditional areas of home support services to non-institutionalized seniors, counselling and immigrant resettlement. Much work has been carried out by staff and a dedicated corps of volunteers who have helped make the transition to life in Ottawa easier for the many

Russian families who arrived over the past year.

As a result of year-long negotiations with the federal government and the other resettlement agencies in Ottawa, JFS has been awarded a contract to carry out Job-Find Clubs for immigrants and refugees in the Ottawa area. This programme will be housed in the Newcomer Centre, a new central facility for the delivery of service to new Canadians. In addition, the board is actively exploring ways to move towards the

creation of a Jewish Vocational Services.

Other items on our busy agenda included the completion of the Cyclical Review and Evaluation Process of the United Way. We look forward to meeting with the United Way shortly to discuss possible areas for increased support. We are pleased that one of our board members was chosen to sit on the board of the United Way. We submitted our interim accreditation to the Ontario Association of Family Services (OAFSA) noting that we had made

improvements, as required, to salaries, benefits and office space. The annual convention of OAFSA will be held in Eastern Ontario next year and JFS will be playing a major role in its organization.

The Agency continues to work with the Jewish community through its liaison function to various committees and panels and by way of the Social Services Employment Programme. This year, board members participated actively in Super Sunday, both on the phones and behind the scenes. The

board has also taken on the exciting task of developing a Community Liaison Committee to increase awareness of the Agency in both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

Our busy agenda has meant that both board and staff members have worked long and hard. I would like to extend my thanks to my executive and fellow board members for their efforts. My gratitude, once again, to Elaine Rabin for her unfailing dedication and energy in accomplishing the task at hand. Special thanks to the staff of the Agency who always put the needs of those they serve first. The work of the Agency could not be carried out without the support of a committed cadre of volunteers to whom I extend my sincere appreciation. Finally, many thanks to our funders in the Jewish Community, the United Way and at all levels of government.

## Jewish Students' Union-Hillel

Mayer Alvo, Chairman



**J**SU-Hillel has an important mandate: it must provide a variety of services and fulfill diverse needs for Jewish post-secondary students in an effort to keep Jewish students in touch with their roots. Moreover, it is important that JSU-Hillel be a responsible and autonomous group for only then will it be able to provide the training ground for the future community leadership. The funding agencies consisting of the Vaad and B'nai Brith have recognized this need and part of the success of the organization is largely attributed to them.

JSU-Hillel serves students on the campuses of the University of Ottawa and Carleton University. There are elected student executive officers from each campus who, along with the director, are involved in programming activities for the membership. This year, as in the past, there were a number of cultural, educational, religious as well as social programs most of which were well attended. The opening event consisted of the very successful formal dance at the Chateau Laurier hotel. Subsequent to this event, students participated in a host of programs including shabbat meals (one of which attracted over thirty members), Chanukah and Purim parties.

In light of the Jewish exodus from the Soviet Union, JSU-Hillel played an active role in raising the level of awareness among Jewish youth. Following a briefing by Allen Pollack, an expert on the plight of Soviet Jews, three programs were initiated which helped raise approximately \$2000 for Operation Exodus. The program consisted of a pub night, a sale of T-shirts bearing the Operation Exodus logo and a nine-hour tutorial session provided by David Lisbona, a teacher's aide in economics at Carleton University. Israel Days was sponsored on each campus in co-operation with the Israel Program Centre. These days attracted many students who were curious about Israel in general and who wished to obtain information regarding programs in Israel. Information tables were held weekly on each campus to provide information regarding Israel and to serve as a general meeting place for Jewish students. An informal "wine and cheese" party sponsored on each campus provided students with an opportunity to meet with Jewish professors and to share common interests.

JSU-Hillel has an ongoing hockey pick-up league which is attracting a number of members. As well, JSU-Hillel will continue to participate in the Jewish Men's Softball league in the summer.

**H**illel Academy is the Ottawa Jewish Community Hebrew Day School, whose purpose is to provide elementary school education in the greater Ottawa area to all Jewish students who wish to attend. Hillel Academy is committed to the following principles:

1. We uphold and transmit traditional Jewish values and practices based on Torah. The school teaches and demonstrates to its students a commitment to Judaism, the Jewish people and Israel.

2. We provide quality education in Jewish, General and French studies and promote the emotional, intellectual, moral, physical and social growth of each child, and foster a love of learning.

3. We promote a positive self image in our students and affirm the fundamentals of Derech Eretz: respect for oneself, respect for others.

4. Finally, we encourage our students to become responsible citizens, to take pride in being Canadian, to contribute to a society and the Jewish Community, and to be respectful of diversity.

Our 27-member board consists of 14 members from the Ottawa synagogues, three local rabbis, four members of the Parent Teachers'

## Ottawa Talmud Torah Board/Hillel Academy

Gerald Levitz, Chairman  
Stanley S. Katz, Director of Education

Association, four members from the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir, one member from the afternoon school and the past president. The board operates with an elected executive of eight members and various committees. During the 1990/91 school year there were seven board meetings and 10 executive committee meetings.

Our current student population of 496 students, the largest in the school's history, range from nursery to grade eight and currently occupy 26 school rooms. Our excellent teaching staff consists of 45 teachers and aides. Our administration is directed by Stanley Katz who is ably assisted by Ora Rubenstein, vice-principal of Judaic Studies and René Charron, vice-principal of

Ephram Gerber, President  
Gerry Cammy, Principal



## Ottawa Modern Jewish School

Ephram Gerber, President  
Gerry Cammy, Principal

**T**his year was the 37th year of operation for OMJS. Over the past 37 years the founding principles of the school have remained much as they were in 1953. The school's emphasis continues to be Judaism, Jewish tradition, customs, language, history, culture and current events. Religious observance is considered to be a personal matter for the individual family, and accordingly, our students come from all streams of Judaism. In this way our students' exposure to the spectrum of Jewish reality today is enriched, and their respect for the different streams of Judaism is encouraged.

The Ottawa Modern Jewish School continues to be the largest afternoon Jewish School in Ottawa and is growing every year. This year there were 152 students enrolled in the school. We attribute this to the community's recognition of our school's excellence, not only in teaching, but also in fostering in our children a love and commitment to Judaism and Jewishness. Our

teachers and principal are all very skilled and highly experienced professionals who enjoy an excellent reputation in the community.

In addition to placing a heavy emphasis on Hebrew, beginning in Kindergarten, we also teach Yiddish starting in grade 3. Our music program, under the skillful direction of Shirley Steinberg, includes songs, dances and plays and ensures that students, staff and parents have fun together on the Jewish festivals.

We are very much involved in Israeli and Jewish community activities. In keeping with school tradition, we also maintained our large turnout during the annual U.J.A. Walkathon. One fact of which we are particularly proud is that a large number of our students choose to continue their Jewish education after graduation by attending the higher grades offered in Ottawa by Temple Israel and Akiva High School.

During the past year our students and parents enjoyed

themselves during our school's Chanukah and Purim concerts and the model Seder. The children also received apples and raisins on Rosh Hashanah, hamantaschen on Purim, and dreidels and latkes on Chanukah. They heard the Shofar blown on Rosh Hashanah, heard the reading of the Megillah on Purim and shofar on Sukkot. Our students also planted trees in Yam Ha'Atzmaut and in the annual community Holocaust Remembrance ceremonies.

In recent years we have established a practice of holding special seminars for our students to discuss the Holocaust and the current situation in Israel with respect to the Gulf War. This year these seminars were delivered by Professor Gerry Cammy. This special event was initiated to ensure that our students were equipped to handle and rebut the censure of Israel that is sometimes encountered in the regular school system or in the community at large.

soccer teams and girls volleyball team winning their divisions.

In celebration of the Jewish holidays, there was a Succot at the school, a Purim carnival, a model Passover Seder, a Holocaust Remembrance play and a Lag Ba'omer sports day and barbecue was well as celebrations for the High Holidays, Simchat Torah, Chanukah and Tu Bishvat.

During the year the students had direct telephone contact with a kibbutz in Israel during the Gulf War, wrote in support of the Attis family during the Moncton anti-Semitism trial, raised money for JNF, Operation Exodus and the Heart Foundation. The grades seven and eight classes had field trips to Quebec City and Toronto. This is only a brief list of the multitude of programs and experiences for our students.

It is with some pride that I will complete my term as president of the board this year and I thank my executive and board members, the Parent Teachers' Association, Mr. Katz and the administration, the teachers and most of all, one of the most valuable assets of our community, the students of Hillel Academy.



expire in 1994. This will allow us to prepare at least three-year budgets and to tighten control of tuition of fee increases.

Major accomplishments of our student body during the year include participation in the Math Olympics program, the National Bible Contest, Hillel Choir performances at the St. Vincent Hospital, the Golden Age Club, and Israel Independence Day

Celebrations, the Annual Torah Fair for grades 5-8, the Siddur party for grade one and Chumash party for grade two.

We have recently completed amicable negotiations with the Hillel Academy Teachers' Association for a new three-year contract which will

Our soccer, volleyball, basketball, track and field and field hockey teams placed well in Ottawa Board of Education tournaments with our girls and boys

## Talmud Torah Afternoon School

Allan Glems, Chairman  
Doris Bronstein, Principal

The Talmud Torah Afternoon School enjoyed an increased enrollment this year, bringing the total to 156 students. Registration is now underway for September, 1991.

In addition to the basic curriculum of Torah, Tefillah, Chumash, Dinim, Israel and History in 6 hours per week, the program is enriched by "Special" events. The Special Events of Chanukah, Purim, Pesach and Yom Hashoa and Yom Atzmaut are a given part of our School curriculum. The annual Talmud Torah and Akiva Shabbat in which grades 2-7 and Akiva students conduct the Shabbat service at Agudath Israel Synagogue is a very special Shabbat, and is part of our school curriculum.

On April 28th Grade 2 held an Oneg Shabbat with their parents. The students created their own Chalah covers for the occasion. Through traditional

ceremonies and songs, they displayed their proficiency in Shabbat rituals. Grade 3 commenced the study of Torah, and this year they celebrated their "Chumash" celebration with parents on May 5th. The students presented the "Bereshit" of Torah with story and songs. To culminate their studies on Shabbat, the grade 7 students prepared a "Haftarah" program. This program of readings, music and songs will be presented to their parents and relatives in May. The entire school will end the year on June 9th with an all school presentation of song, drama and dance to parents on the theme of "Kibbutz Galil" — the ingathering of all Jews to Israel. Through these programs, Jewish Education enriches the lives of our students as well as their families.

**FUNDRAISING:** The Talmud Torah Afternoon School will join hands with Hillel Lodge for the 3rd

"Lunch & Bridge" fundraising event at Agudath Israel in June. Talmud Torah and Akiva High held a major fundraiser in the form of a "Phantom Trip to the Opera," with a draw of 2 tickets to "Phantom." We have ear-marked the funds to help reduce school expenditures.

In conclusion, Talmud Torah looks forward to 5752. Together, with an outstanding teaching staff, I am sure we will once again produce a quality Hebrew program plus many other challenging activities. I thank the teaching staff for their efforts, support and dedication to the students in our school.

As 5751 comes to an end, I wish to express my sincere thanks to Doris Bronstein, principal; Howard Lithwick and his committee for fundraising; Ruth Mendell, chair of P.A., and her committee for their support and cooperation.

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## Hillel Lodge Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged

Lillian Kimmel, President

This is the conclusion of my two-year Presidency of the Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged. My term of office has provided me with a great deal of satisfaction seeing the hard work and effort of so many operating in concert, result in accomplishment and recognition for our Home. The care and concern have also been reflected in a more tangible way. Over the last year, the Home has begun to totally refurbish the third floor and has spent a great deal of capital on a totally remechanized elevator. All this was done with resident comfort and safety in mind. Two other outstanding areas to note are: the Lodge's 25th Anniversary party, and the receipt of the top accreditation award in the field of Health Care by the Canadian Council on Health Facilities Accreditation.

Over the last two years, I have come to learn a great deal about long term care in almost all its facets. My education came primarily from many hours dialogue with those involved at Hillel Lodge: residents, families, volunteers, community members, auxiliary, contributing professionals (consultants), clergy and all levels of staff. My struggle to know and understand the situation of our elderly residents and our Home, has presented me with both challenge and opportunity. I have been encouraged in discovering the work done at Hillel Lodge is often exemplary.

The board, executive, and administration have been a constant source of support with respect to both information and action. Attendance at meetings has been excellent and committee work often outstanding. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved in giving Hillel Lodge the quality it enjoys.

The primary recipients of all this planning and participation have been the residents. However, Hillel Lodge has directed its service not only to the elderly but to the Ottawa Jewish Community. Its programs, services, and professional support stretch beyond the confines of the building. They involved both families and others in need or distress. The need in many cases, concerns the development and design of an institution that can respond to the changing demands and growing requirements of our community. This is Hillel Lodge's current and most active pursuit. — Future Planning.

After all is said and done, I have come to realize that aging is something that happens to all of us and while I am proud of today, I continue to be concerned about tomorrow.

This year saw the Jewish Community Centre consolidate some of its more successful programs, while introducing vital, pertinent and exciting programs for the 90s.

We were proud to add to the community cultural scene in the form of our new Jewish Community Centre Concert Band. Its debut performance at the JCC's annual Jewish Music Festival was very well received and we look forward to future concerts.

Your Jewish Community Centre has become more involved in health and wellness education. Most of our staff have taken a Cardiac-Pulmonary resuscitation course (CPR), and the Centre has been contracted to offer this course to companies and institutions in the city at large.

The JCC has been instrumental in setting up H.E.L.P. (Health Education Learning Project), a committee which promotes self-education and health awareness for women through various workshops.

Our senior adults, with the aid of a grant from Health



## Jewish Community Centre

Ralph Kassie, President

Ron Boro, Executive Director

and Welfare Canada, produced a three-part series of documentary videos on seniors taking charge of their own health and lifestyle. Our *Seniors: Active Choices* videos, accompanied by discussion kit, are used across Canada as a catalyst for discussion and education. Our senior adults are a vital component in our Centre programming.

Recognizing the changing needs of the 90s, the JCC has committed its energies to various special need constituencies with programs such as: Partners of Two; Backgrounds for interfaith or conversionary couples; the Single Parent's Forum; On Your Own for the recently bereaved; and the Sunday Club, which promotes self-

esteem and social skills in children with learning disabilities.

The JCC's Institute of Continuing Jewish Education offered two sessions of mini-courses for those wishing to explore their Jewish heritage.

Our Day Care program, approaching capacity in its second year, is hailed by experts as a model for multicultural day care facilities and staff.

Response to the JCC's annual community-wide programs — Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Arts Alive, the Israeli Film Festival, the Jewish Music Festival, and the Purim Carnival — was positive and strong.

Jewish scouting under the 39th Henry "Hank" Torentow Cub Pack and Beaver Colony has over 65

active youngsters involved. Next fall, the JCC will make scouting history by offering Canada's first Co-Ed cub pack!

Our teen program, the envy of many North American Jewish Centres, cornerstone its year with the JCC Theatreworks production of *West Side Story*. Strong BBYO programs along with a new teen ski/travel option kept the department vital and strong.

Perennial successes like our various day camps and athletic leagues experienced capacity enrollment.

In this, the Centre's 40th year, we introduced a new logo, accompanied by a modern marketing approach and a commitment to courteous and efficient

customer service. Our motto that the Centre is "Programs and People" is certainly evident. These are unquestionably the strengths of the JCC, despite the lack of an ideal facility. It is a tribute to all our Centre staff that we are continually improving and increasing participation and quality programs.

We are positioned to occupy a new state-of-the-art facility in the medium-term future, a project which has been approved by the Vaad Ha'Ir. Meanwhile, the Chapel Street facility must be kept and upgraded immediately. Much to our distress the community still has not resolved this issue. A commitment to maintaining this building must be made now.

It has been a privilege to serve my two-year term as president of the Jewish Community Centre with the help and support of a dedicated board of directors and a superb professional staff. My thanks to the community for this experience. Our Jewish Community Centre is the keystone of our community into the next century. Your support will keep it strong.





## Camp Gesher

Susan Krongold and Marvin Schwartz, Co-Chairs

Reuven Solomon, Shaliach

**C**amp Gesher welcomes campers from Ottawa, as well as Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and other communities in the region. The camp is located on Pringle Lake, north of Kaladar, about two hours west of Ottawa. Camp Gesher is one of five camps in North America sponsored by the Habonim-Dror Movement.

The camp program consists of a wide range of recreational and educational activities. Outdoor activities include camping, hiking and environmental awareness. A full water sports programme of swimming, canoeing and waterskiing is offered. Other sports include baseball, basketball, volleyball and soccer. The senior campers participate at the Maccabiah. There is also arts and crafts and Israeli dancing. Much of the program is devoted to inspiring the values of the Habonim-Dror Movement and a love of Israel and Judaism through song and dance, drama, work projects, sharing of kupa, speaking Hebrew, oneg shabbats and special events reliving

experiences of pioneers in Palestine.

Counsellors, shlichim and a Camp Committee all contribute to Camp Gesher's success. Using their experience and training in the Movement, the counsellors plan and lead the programs. The shlichim from Ottawa and Toronto manage the camp. A camp committee of parents, Movement supporters, madrichim and shlichim, is actively involved in the direction of the camp. At pre-camp weekends families of campers help prepare for the camp season by cleaning-up, painting, making repairs and doing small construction projects.

The camp has embarked on an ambitious construction program to upgrade its facilities. New cabins have been built, a new kitchen and expanded dining hall are planned for next year, and we dream of a large new recreation hall after that.

More than a place, Camp Gesher is an experience. Gesher lives in the memories of all of those who have had the good fortune to share its joys.

## Ottawa

### Chevra Kadisha

Sam Petigorsky, Gabbai Rishon



**W**e serviced 72 cases for the year 1989-90. This was a few more cases than the previous year. In 1990 three devoted members of our Chevra Kadisha died: Gabbai and long time treasurer Abe Hanser, Harry Hecht and Norman Taller. They served the Chevra Kadisha with distinction and complete devotion. They will be missed by all of us. We hope the good deeds they performed during their lives will be an inspiration to all our members.

A great deal of expensive repairs are required in the interior and exterior of the Chapel building. Some of the repairs have already been completed. Among the repairs and modifications required is the renewal of the heating system. A few individuals were accepted as probationary

members. The Chevra Kadisha requires more young members; individuals who are qualified, willing and capable of carrying out the duties of the Chevra Kadisha.

The following is the correct procedure to follow in order to arrange for a funeral at the time of death:

- 1) As soon as possible after death advise Sam Petigorsky — Gabbai Rishon. If he is not available contact one of the other Gabboim.
- 2) Advise the rabbi of the synagogue concerned.
- 3) Ensure that a cemetery plot is available for the deceased.
- 4) Select an undertaker and purchase a Kosher casket.

By following the above procedure, you will facilitate the work of the Chevra Kadisha and you will ensure

that the funeral arrangements will be carried out efficiently and without delay.

Our annual Shabat was observed at the Young Israel Synagogue with much enjoyment.

Our Annual Meeting was held on November 28, 1990 in our Chapel. The following officers were elected to serve for the year 1990-91: Sam Petigorsky — Gabbai Rishon; M. Syd Green — Gabbai; Izzy Greenberg — Gabbai; Yale Greenberg — Gabbai; Moe Litwack — Gabbai; Martin K. Levinson — Financial Secretary; Sam Petigorsky — Acting Treasurer; Dr. Phil Goswiche — Recording Secretary.

We wish to thank the members of the clergy and the cemetery committees for their cooperation.

We wish everyone the best of health.

**B**eth Shalom West is a synagogue that cares about its members and the community. We have been successful in ensuring that our programming reflects our members' needs. We believe in building on our strengths.

Our youth are active participants, not just spectators. This year we engaged Yakov Feig as our youth director. He brought us years of background in youth work in Ottawa, and experience in Israel. Besides our weekly Junior Congregation, our young children are a welcome feature of our Shabbat services. Saturday afternoons Zulat attracts a good group for fun and enrichment. Dinner programs and teen-led services are highlights. Our community interest was strengthened by a joint Shabbaton with Hillel Academy. This year Chabad House enhanced our Shavuot celebrations. Floor hockey and baseball tournaments with youth groups from Kingston and Montreal are

## Beth Shalom

### West

Marten Brodsky, Chairman

Rabbi Gershon Sonnenschein, Spiritual Leader



big attractions.

Headlined by our Rabbi Gershon Sonnenschein, our Adult Education Program has blossomed. We have also featured outstanding regular classes with Rabbi Eleizer Ben-Porat of the Ottawa Torah Institute, Rabbi Yehudah Nussbaum of Ecole Maimonides and Mrs. Magda Bendeck.

Beth Shalom West's Sisterhood and Men's Club have been active with cultural, social and fundraising programs. They are important components of our synagogue, and provide

excellent opportunities for volunteers to play a productive, congenial and rewarding role.

We are proud of our positive participation in the life of the Jewish Community as a whole, as individuals, and as an organization. We are leading purchasers of Israel bonds and contributors to UJA, and active in Jewish education and organizations at all levels.

During the year, our Rabbi Gershon Sonnenschein announced that he would be moving elsewhere this summer. Rabbi Sonnenschein

has been our spiritual leader for eight years. During this period our congregation has grown from 67 to 200 full and associate members. We have our own modern building which is full to overflowing on major occasions, and is busy almost every day of the year. Even as we've grown, we have kept our original friendliness and homely atmosphere.

Rabbi Sonnenschein, his wife Fran and their entire family carry our warmest wishes with them as they leave.

Our new spiritual leader will be Rabbi Howard M.

Finkelstein. He and his wife, Rivka, are coming here from Kingston, Ontario. He has been the rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel in Kingston for the past 12 years. Rabbi Finkelstein has been especially active in Jewish education, at the congregational level, with B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Queen's University and Canadian Jewish Congress. He received his rabbinical ordination (smicha) from Yeshiva University in New York. Rivka Finkelstein teaches computer science, and is active in Jewish education and Zionist work. We look forward to the arrival of Rabbi and Mrs. Finkelstein in August. We are sure that they will make an immense contribution to our congregation and to the community as a whole.

At Beth Shalom West you are welcome to play as large or as small a role as you wish. We think you'll be happy with us. Beth Shalom West welcomes inquiries from newcomers to town as well as established residents. Just call us at 723-1800.

## Israel Program Centre



The Israel Program Centre, under the auspices of the Jewish Community Centre and the Canadian Zionist Federation, enjoyed another busy year despite some very trying times.

Our mandate to provide information and make arrangements for participants in short and long-term programs in Israel was severely tested as January 15th approached. Many personal plans were changed, cancelled or prematurely concluded. However, it was extremely encouraging to assist a number of young Ottawans to return to their programs in Israel well before the resolution of the crisis, a testament to their commitment to Israel. At present, we are busily making arrangements for Ottawa teens planning to spend their summer in Israel on a variety of programs.

Throughout the year, the Israel Program Centre serves as an Israel resource centre. Although this service was particularly in demand during the Gulf Crisis, the IPC continues to fill requests to present information about various aspects of Israel to schools and other institutions and organizations, both within the Jewish community and the community at large.

The Israel Program Centre is also involved in the organization of Israel-oriented community events, such as the Israeli Film Festival, Shir-a-Trom, Rosh Chodesh lectures and Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations. We are proud and privileged to be of service to the community in promoting the interests of Eretz Israel.

## State of Israel Bonds

Irving Rivers, General Campaign Chairman  
Abe Engel, Executive Director



The 1990 State of Israel Bonds Campaign was an outstanding success, realizing total sales of \$1,569,090 U.S. This figure represents actual monies processed through the Ottawa office and does not include as yet, unpaid commitments. It should be noted that our campaign figures always reflect the period of January-December which is, in fact, our fiscal year. I should like to thank my predecessor, Jonathan Freedman, whom I succeeded on October 1, 1990, for his considerable efforts.

The State of Israel Bonds Organization is a twelve-month a year operation. While our campaign period is limited to the Spring of each year plus the Annual Yom Kippur Appeal in which every synagogue in Ottawa participates, our office is open on a year-round basis to do the preparatory work for these events, to assist customers in the redemption and reinvestment of bonds, collections, the sale of bonds and the many other details that require day-to-day attention.

The 1991 Campaign, which is in progress as this report is being written, began with a Passover Appeal led by the rabbis of each congregation, and which produced

gratifying results.

This year State of Israel Bonds has chosen as its honoree, Bess Greenberg, a most gracious lady and generous supporter of Israel and the Jewish community over the course of many years. The Tribute Dinner to Mrs. Greenberg is being planned for May 30. In late April, eight bond supporters and friends attended a highly successful parlour meeting hosted by her children, Laya and Sol Shabinsky and Elissa and Avraham Iny at the Shabinsky home.

The past six months have seen many highlights. In October we co-hosted, with the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir and Jewish National Fund, a farewell reception for Ambassador and Mrs. Israel Gur-Arieh, both of whom assisted us immensely during their stay here. For the first time ever, we had a booth at Arts Alive and at the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations where information on State of Israel Bonds was distributed.

The First National Leadership Conference was held in Ottawa March 16-18, and our lay people played a large role in its success.

On the administrative level, we have had a change in the person of Abe Engel who took over as executive

director of the Ottawa office in August, 1990. As well, our executive board has been expanded and meets on a regular basis.

One of the main goals of the bonds organization is the sale of State of Israel Notes — which start at \$250.00 — to individuals and syndicates through bank financing. A committee consisting of Moshe Feig, Norman Lieff, Syd Finkelman and Moishe Smith has been charged with the responsibility of contacting individuals in the community who have the financial covenants to participate in generating much needed cash for the State of Israel, without having to spend virtually one cent. We call this our 'Miracle Mitzvah Program.'

I wish to thank everyone who has shown faith in the future of the State of Israel by purchasing bonds to aid in the creation of new housing, new employment opportunities and new infrastructure to absorb the Soviet immigrants who continue to arrive in vast numbers. With your continued effort and support we shall succeed in our historic task.

As well, I wish to thank our Director Abe Engel and his efficient staff for their dedication and assistance.

## Emunah Mizrachi



Rivka Kraus, President

Emunah Mizrachi has always been in the forefront of absorption. Through every wave of immigration our volunteers were involved in settling, in integrating and placing our children in Torah schools, and providing the means and the wherewithall needed. In July of 1990 we threw our efforts into a Phantom Tea expressively in support of Operation Exodus. It meant aid for Emunah's absorption projects in Israel. This was followed in September, by the Rachel Kizell Chapter's annual Honey Project. A diligently prepared mailing of sweet greetings to the community just before Rosh Hashanah.

In December, we

celebrated Chanukah with all the fun and fanfare as befitting the occasion. Our annual Melaveh-Malka was a really sociable Social, graciously hosted in the elegant home of Dr. Andre and Shelly Engel. Congenitally we mixed and mingled, enjoying our members' gourmet home-cooking, and for inspiration listened to Rabbi Gershon Sonnenschein's D'Var Torah, comparing the miracles of today with the miracles of Chanukah of the past.

A most entertaining skit was enacted by our members: Barbara Brown, Jenie Claman, Shelly Engel, Marcia Kaiserman, Naomi Krym, and Joel Diena. It was fun and G'd willing we'll do

it again next year.

In time for Pesach, the Rachel Kizell Chapter garnered much-needed funds for their annual Moais Chittin Project. Kudos for all their efforts.

At present we are hard at work in readiness for our annual Mother in Israel project. Your pledge of \$60.00 is your commitment to become a Mother in Israel symbolically adopting and caring for a Child in Israel.

Emunah would like to thank the Ottawa Community for its generous support, which enables us to carry on providing Torah Education and the many social and welfare facilities that we have instituted.

## Beth Shalom Sisterhood

Cynthia Blumenthal  
Karen Slipacoff, co-presidents

This year the Beth Shalom Sisterhood has had two very successful programs. The first was our opening meeting on October 21 for which Cathy Levine and Fran Ross arranged a delightful Fashion Show. It was especially enjoyed by all the grandparents and parents whose children modelled the beautiful clothes from M.A.J.E.R. Imports.

Our second event was our annual Chanukah Ball. It was organized by Leslie Shinder, who was able to secure a wonderful door prize of \$500 from Domus owner Barbara Sigler. Cantor Stephen Chalet graced us with his eloquent singing voice and Reverend Harry Beck lit the Chanukah menorah. A wonderful evening was had by all.

We are now anticipating an exciting Centennial Year, and we have already begun co-ordinating projects for this special time in our Shul history.

## Machzikei Hadas

### Sisterhood

Pat Binder, President

**S**isterhood participated in the Simhat Torah party with their traditional giving out of sidurim to our grade one school children. November saw sisterhood active in their booth at Arts Alive which proved to be a popular and successful event for the group.

Sisterhood held a Chanukah party in December and a Purim party (for the children) in February.

A Closing Dinner is to be held on May 22 and our traditional Strawberry Tea will be held in June.

The monthly meetings (held on the third Tuesday of each month) were enhanced by the excellent programming provided to sisterhood by Program Co-chairs Sophie Koenig and Perla Abtan. Most of the programs concentrated on learning and/or enhancement of Jewish traditions, culture and values.

My sincere thanks to the sisterhood executive and board for their dedicated work and support this past year.

## Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science

Ruth Freiman, President, Ottawa Chapter

**O**n January 24th the Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science held a panel discussion on *Dangers in the Environment: What Should We Believe?* Panel participants included science journalist David Mowbray, Carleton University Professor of Chemistry and author of *Controversial Chemicals*, Dr. Peter Kruus, author of the hotly debated book *The Anti-Nuclear Game*, Gordon Sims, and Director General of the Drugs Directorate in the Ministry of Health and Welfare Canada Dr. Emmanuel Somers. The topic evoked a lively debate from the panelists and the audience alike, and was highlighted on CBC news on TV and radio.

For information on the activities of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science call the Ottawa office at 56 Sparks Street, Suite 606, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5A9, Tel: 236-3391.

**T**his report will focus on the activities of our shul for the past year. Our shul continues to be one of the mainstays of the Ottawa Jewish Community. We have been a part of and have served the community for over 65 years. Our membership continues to grow at a steady pace. Just as important, we are attracting people of all ages. It is with confidence and pride that I say we will endeavour to continue our important role for many more years to come.

Our youth foundation has had a busy year. Our affiliation with NCSY, under the chair of Geri Goldstein and the leadership of Lauren Shaps, has really come into its own. Our Shabbat morning Junior Congregation continues to be well attended. In addition, our Sunday programs in conjunction with the Jewish Community Centre were



## Congregation

### Machzikei Hadas

Stephen Appotive, President  
Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka, Spiritual Leader

once again very popular. I thank the staff at the Centre for their help. The Purim carnival held with the Star of David School was a most enjoyable experience, made possible by the outstanding effort of all those involved. The ongoing adult education program features a number of classes by our Rabbi, including the very successful Tuesday morning Ladies class in Jewish Ethics. Rabbi Ben-Porat's Monday Night Shiur is a welcome staple, as is the Hebrew

study group that meets weekly.

We have had a variety of programs during the year. Speakers have included John Manley MP, Dalton McGuinty MPP, Dr. Dov Vinograd, and a most special welcome to our new ambassador, the Hon. Yitzhak Shelef. Human Rights Day was highlighted by the premiere screening in Ottawa of "In the Shadows: The Forgotten Jews of Syria." We were also

this program, the Temple will offer one year free membership to young people between the ages 21-30 who have not previously held synagogue membership.

The Temple Israel Religious School is unique in the city in providing Jewish religious education with a Reform perspective. Our Temple School continues its growth, both in the quality of its educational offerings and in the number of pupils. This year 166 pupils were enrolled in classes ranging from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 9. An innovative seminar course offered to Grades 8 and 9 on a variety of topics of current Jewish relevance has been most successful in stimulating the interest and participation of our older students.

We are gratified by the interest shown in Temple activities by members of the outside community. Our Adult Education program has drawn many people from the community at large who have commented favourably on the quality of the presentations. We take considerable pride in the activities of our Social Action Committee, the social conscience of the congregation. Its continuing

support of the JAD Guatemalan enterprise, Ethiopian Jewry, the Ottawa Food Bank and other worthwhile causes projects our proper Jewish concern for the disadvantaged of the world. Our very active Youth Group continues its past success and attracts a number of young people from outside the Temple. Our Congregational Seder was attended by over 250 guests many of whom were not Temple members.

During the past year our 25th Anniversary Committee swung into high gear and plans are well underway for what promises to be a memorable celebration of this significant event in the Temple's history.

We thank those people whose efforts and commitment were responsible for so much of what is good in Temple Israel. We are especially fortunate in the spiritual leadership of Rabbi Tanenbaum, the professional competence of our school and administrative staff, and in the dedication of many Temple members who volunteered their time and talent to help the Temple become the congregation we all want it to be.



and the Sharkey landscape team. The Sisterhood Hanukkah family night was a memorable event.

Our shul's Annual Gold Draw is scheduled for June 25, 1991. It is an important fundraiser and we very much appreciate your continued support of the event. To buy a \$10 ticket call the shul office (521-9700). The ticket is your admission to a cocktail party and a chance at winning prizes totalling \$50,000. Most importantly, it helps ensure our continued involvement with you and the community as a whole.

Finally, I thank the clergy, office staff, board of directors and all our members for making the shul the success it has been in the past and will continue to be in the future. I conclude my two years tenure as President with fond recollections of a meaningful period in my life.



## Temple Israel

Mortimer Bercovitch, President

Rabbi Irwin A. Tanenbaum, Spiritual Leader

## Adath Shalom Congregation

Harvey Goldberg, Jack Shinder,  
Fenja Brodo, Co-ordinating Committee

**A**dath Shalom completed another rewarding year of prayer, study and fellowship in 1990-91. A Conservative congregation with an emphasis on havurah and equal participation by men and women, Adath Shalom has been serving the religious needs of our members since 1978.

The year was highlighted by a series of Shabbat weekends with Rabbinic leadership provided by Rabbis Daniel Siegel and Rudy Adler. During the Shabbatons we explored issues ranging from the meaning of Kabbalah to the role of music in our liturgy.

Rabbi Adler also provided rabbinic leadership for the High Holy Day Services. Hazzanut for the Holy Day services was provided by members of the congregation. The services were highlighted by several innovations including a communal Al HaNissim composed by members of the congregation.

Talmud study sessions were held during the year in addition to a series of speakers and discussions on various topics of interest.

Children's programming included a series of Shabbat morning programs and special family celebrations for Chanukah and Purim. Children are welcome in shul services and participate actively in leading prayers. A new Bar/Bat Mitzvah group was established and was very active during the year.

Shabbat services are held at 9:45 a.m. at the Greenbank Public School Library in Nepean (Greenbank, one mile south of Baseline) weekly during the school year. Summer and winter-break services are held in members' homes. A highlight of Shabbat services is a discussion of the weekly portion by a member of the congregation. Special arrangements are made for the festival and High Holy Days celebrations.

For more information about Adath Shalom call Harvey Goldberg at 825-5219 or leave a message on the shul answering machine at 228-0570.

## State of Israel Bonds, Women's Division

Rose Taylor, Chair  
Abe Engel, Executive Director



**W**omen's Division opened the 1991 Campaign at the home of Dorothy Nadolny with an Israeli Fashion Show and Dinner under the patronage of Malka Shelef, wife of the ambassador of Israel to Canada. The over one hundred women in attendance responded generously to the appeal by guest speaker Barry Farber. The tremendous success of this event was due to the hard work of Fashion Co-Chairs Ellen Fathi and Ray Goldstein; Ticket Coordinator Ruth Aaron; Moderator Geri Migicovsky; and Committee Members Doris Stern, Roz Taller, Sunny Tavel and Gail Victor.

The Annual Golda Meir Club Dinner, under the patronage of Malka Shelef, is being held on June 11 at the home of Cynthia Blumenthal and Pat Flesher. The Golda Meir Club is exclusive to women who purchase a minimum of \$5,000 in Israeli bonds. 1991 Golda Meir Club members will receive a beautiful pin designed by renowned Israeli artist Chaim Gross at a

closing function traditionally held in the fall of the year. In autumn of 1990, fifty-three lovely pins, designed by architect Moshe Safdie, were presented to Golda Meir Club members at Kinneret by 1990 Chair Ethel Taylor and Shulamit Gurdarie, wife of Israel's ambassador to Canada. This year we hope to be presenting a total of 75 pins.

This year, as in years past,

Women's Division will participate in the Annual Yom Kippur Bond Appeal, preparing and distributing tab cards in each of Ottawa's congregations. Many thanks to all the synagogue sisterhoods for their past and future assistance.

Women's Division also played a role in helping to organize the Tribute Dinner to Bess Greenberg held at Agudath Israel Synagogue on May 30, 1991 and applauds the general campaign for selecting such a well-deserving honoree.

In response to an expressed demand, Women's Division is currently in the process of setting up a network of chairmen from each synagogue for the purpose of

coordinating participants interested in purchasing a State of Israel Bond as a meaningful bar or bat mitzvah gift. Details will appear shortly in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and synagogue newsletters.

The State of Israel Bonds Women's Division executive which will complete its term at the end of the calendar year comprises: Immediate Past Chair Ethel Taylor; Chair Rose Taylor; First Vice Chair Sunny Tavel; Executive Committee: Ruth Aaron, Cynthia Blumenthal, Barbara Cohen, Ellen Fathi, Pat Flesher, Simone Goldberg, Gert Goldstein, Ray Goldstein, Dena Gosewich, Sheila Hartman, Myra Presser, Rose-Anne Prizant, Zelaine Shinder, Doris Stern, Ethel Taylor, Gail Victor, Muriel Wexler, Carole Zagerman, Corinne Zagerman.

Many thanks to State of Israel Bonds Executive Director Abe Engel and to his efficient staff, Carolyn Turner and Linda Middleton, for their continued assistance in enabling us to reach our goals so successfully.

## Ottawa Women's ORT

Lynn Levitan, President

**O**ttoawa Women's ORT has had an interesting winter on the fundraising end. Of our four chapters, only Chavatot is active during the winter months.

Chavatot Chapter opened this year with a very successful Potluck Supper. We usually save this crowd draw for December and make it a Chanukah party but decided to start the year off with a bang. Another change we are trying this year is to meet once a month instead of every three weeks, as in the past. The second Tuesday in every month has been set aside for Chavatot meetings.

October's meeting featured a Child Behaviour Specialist. We also touched on Adult Sibling Rivalry to interest our members who do not have children.

November was busy with our Annual Autumn Tea and Fashion Show plus a meeting on the Culinary art of Thai

cooking.

December was our busiest ever as the management of the mall in which we do our Christmas gift wrapping decided that we had to operate for the entire month of December instead of our usual two weeks.

January we had a marriage counsellor talk to us about keeping the lines of communication open with our spouses.

February we planned a great tour at our new museum but got snowed out; we will repeat in the Spring.

March we had what I would call our best meeting all year. A member of Jewish Family Services staff talked to us about the Russian immigrants settling in Ottawa. As a result of this very informative meeting, three Chavatot members plus myself have become very involved in helping where we can and had a Russian family present at each of our seders this year.



April we had a new fundraiser, the brainchild of our chapter president, a mini bazaar. We had eight to ten booths of different items and placed an ad in the *Jewish Bulletin* and invited the entire community. Hopefully this will be a successful venture.

May is our last regular meeting for the summer. We have the Public Education Department from our local hospital coming to talk to us on Prevention and Treatment of Women's Cancers. Our chapter closing will be planned for the end of May or early June, which includes a night out on the town with spouses.

The other chapters in Ottawa have not been very active lately. The three chapters, Shalom, Eilat and Eretz, all have had a "phantom tea" and brought in about \$2,000 each. Eretz is planning their summer social with husbands.

## Young Israel of Ottawa

Dr. Joseph Straus, President  
Rabbi Mordecai Berger, Spiritual Leader

**T**his year the Young Israel of Ottawa has experienced an exciting program year under the able leadership of Dr. Joseph Straus. Young professionals find meaning and expression in a joyful congregation. Many young children are part of the Shul milieu, being enriched by the program and services.

Young Israel has a daily minyan for morning and evening services. Adult education study groups are part of the basic services. The courses offered include: Tuesday night classes in Jewish mysticism and thought, Thursday night Mishna, Shabbos classes for women, Friday nights between Mincha and Maariv a new Torah Talk, and Shabbos morning by Kiddish, a study in Torah Or, are new innovations initiated by Rabbi Berger.

A very successful Jewish Awareness group has been initiated by Rabbi Berger this year with monthly lectures on such topics as The After Life, Reincarnation, etc. In the month of November a Shabbaton was held with guest speaker Dr. Leo Steiner, a clinical psychologist from Toronto, as our guest speaker.

There is a junior congregation that offers weekly services and periodical programs. The congregation has a quarterly newsletter sent to its members and associations. For further information about our congregation, feel free to call the Membership Chairman Tom Caplan.

## Women's Auxiliary — Hillel Lodge

Pauline Litwack, President

Familiar faces, and some not so familiar! Each Spring Spring when our snow-birds return from their sojourn down South, we search out those lovable seniors we recognize as 'old friends,' then go on to meet those newcomers with a greeting of 'welcome to Hillel.'

Because of the dedication of our Women's Auxiliary to the needs of our Lodge's residents, both old and new, our members quickly get down to the business of further fundraising, thereby continuing to improve the quality of life for all those men and women who currently reside at Hillel Lodge.

While the daily needs of the residents are certainly met by nursing staff, kitchen help and office personnel, our Auxiliary must continue to provide the additional stimulus so vital to their well-being, and that includes the following: a birthday gift for each resident given at monthly birthday parties, plus a birthday cake; Jewish holiday parties with pertinent goodies such as Chanukah gifts, Shalachmonas plates at Purim, and a decorated Succah at Succot; provision of wine for each Shabbat kiddush and Yom Tov; furnishing of money prizes for the popular weekly bingo; making possible frequent outings for the residents by providing bus transportation as required.

In the fall of 1990 we celebrated the 25th anniversary of Hillel Lodge by planning a very special tea, complete with banners, balloons and three outstanding collages of pictures designed by a very talented volunteer. Due to the generosity of our supporters plus the tireless efforts of a special member of our Auxiliary, our tea netted over twelve thousand dollars. The two teas held annually provide the funds which enable the Auxiliary to continue to improve the quality of life for the residents. Additional funds are derived from both the Arts Alive Hillel Lodge craft table and on-going sales of donated handicrafts.

As I wind up my third year in the presidency of the Auxiliary, I take this opportunity to offer my personal thanks to all those dedicated and caring individuals who entertain the residents, visit the Lodge regularly, visit hospitalized residents, make handicrafts at home for future sales of these items for the Lodge, do exercises with the residents every morning and finally, special bouquets to those special hostesses who undertake to provide their homes for afternoon tea parties in the summer for our residents.



## Maimonides

George Adler, Chairman

Rabbi Mordecai Berger, Principal

Maimonides is a unique school in a number of ways. We educate Jewish children from greatly varying backgrounds and integrate them together in many fashions. As a Jewish Day School it is unique insofar as it has classes taught in three different languages: Hebrew, French and English. Our system enables us to have a high percentage of our students go on to win medals in mathematics and other fields in province-wide scholastic competitions.

At Maimonides there exists a kind of synthesis, a synthesis of a broad base of Jewish children, of full-day curriculum of Hebrew and Secular and of religious and secular people coming together and learning Judaism and about Judaism in a warm, friendly, accepting and tolerant atmosphere. At the same time, our students are not homogenized. The more modest sizes of the classes lend themselves well to more personal attention from keenly trained and experienced teachers who not only teach, but teach by example. The dedication of the staff is admirable and the

students sense this and cannot help but be positively affected by it. The school's size allows it to have time for individual students but its credo makes it a must. The irony here is that Maimonides can accept and absorb such a diverse student body and yet maintain an educational identity. The ability to blend and meld does not lessen the emphasis on top-notch secular or first-rate Hebrew studies.

Specifically, French Immersion is carried on in Social Studies, Science, Math, Computers, Physical Education and French Language Arts. Music, art drama, field trips, Science Fair and a Read-a-thon further enhance the development of our students. We study the Talmud in the sixth grade. We have a very successful Torah Fair every year in which the students showcase their personal works and their Torah displays. We have exciting Shabbatonim for our students and we have after-hour and weekend extracurricular fun activities. We've had skating, swimming, tobogganing, soccer, hockey and

basketball evenings and Sundays. As well, we have an intramural volleyball league with four teams participating.

This year your school has added a new dimension, that of a Montessori Program. It is an exciting program and it is taught by a fully qualified and experienced Montessori teacher and caters to children from age 18 mos. to age 30 mos. The Montessori Program has a great deal of inherent value and opens new vistas for the development of our preschoolers. Beyond that, the Montessori Program is indicative of the way in which Maimonides is always alert and open to new educational ideas and approaches and the fact that Maimonides plays an assertive and generative role when it comes to affording the best education for its students. Maimonides does encompass a great deal but the focus and thrust of its program is to set a standard of excellence in Jewish and secular education that is monitored and permeated by the values of real Jewish heritage imparted with concern, warmth and love.



## Canadian Friends of the Judaica Archive Project

Walter Cole — President

The Canadian Friends of the Judaica Archive Project was incorporated as a Registered Charitable Organization in November of 1988. This followed a year of organizational work on the part of a small group of dedicated Ottawans, spearheaded by the late Sylvia Fonberg-Rosenes. We became a constituent member of the Vaad last year.

The sole purpose of our organization is to support the work of the Jewish Writers Guild (JWG) in Jerusalem. The JWG, a small group of religious scholars, has devoted itself to the preservation and distribution of printed documents dealing with Jewish religion, law, tradition and legend. Many of these vitally important documents are rapidly deteriorating so that their preservation on film is literally a race against time.

By photographing the original document, the cam-

era preserves its image exactly, complete with later marginal notations, if any were made. This provides scholars with an exact replica and not something transcribed to a magnetic medium. The images are then collected in logical groupings and reduced to microfiche format — up to 95 pages on a 4" x 6" card. This means that entire libraries can be reproduced and readily distributed in a highly portable form to scholars and institutions around the world. The tiny images are easily viewed full size by means of a relatively inexpensive reader, from which hard copies can be made, usually just by pressing a button.

When the Soviet authorities permitted the Moscow Yeshiva to open its doors, the JWG sent them the equivalent of 100 books in microfiche format, together with a reader, to provide Yeshiva scholars with many of the books essential for

### Jewish studies.

The JWG is slowly but steadily assessing and filming many thousands of pages of rare and vital Judaica and making the product available to anyone at a very reasonable cost. The Guild is also studying the possibility of using new techniques, such as video disks, when their archival qualities have been confirmed. The speed at which the JWG can continue its work is dictated by the availability of funds; hence the urgency with which the Canadian Friends approaches its task.

The organization continued its membership campaign during the early months of 1990 and ended with just over 100 members. This enabled us to make a formal request to the Vaad for constituent membership.

We had our first Annual General Meeting in February, 1990. The following were elected as directors for the next year: Rabbi Dr. Reuven

Bulka, Walter Cole, Sylvia Fonberg-Rosenes, Issie Landau, Dr. George Marcus, Molly Sherman and Sandra Zagon.

The directors met six times during the year. At the first meeting following the AGM, the following officers were elected: Walter Cole, president; Sylvia Fonberg-Rosenes, vice-president; Sandra Zagon, secretary.

We conducted a fundraising campaign among our members and, later with the Vaad's permission, approached a number of local foundations for funds. The amount raised during the calendar year from all sources was about \$7450. Except for modest amounts for administrative expenses (mostly stationery and postage), all other disbursements were to the JWG, which received \$6620.

Considerable work was devoted to preparing for a campaign among major Canadian foundations. The

actual requests for funds did not go out until early 1991.

Reb Yaakov Rosenes, Director of the JWG, visited Ottawa twice during the year and made and renewed many contacts in Canada and the U.S. Most regrettably, his second visit was occasioned by the passing, after a long and valiant battle against cancer, of his mother and our principal driving force, Sylvia Fonberg-Rosenes. Her loss was a great blow to the Canadian Friends and all those who knew her.

Molly Sherman was elected vice-president to take the place vacated by Sylvia and Alti Rodal was appointed to fill the vacancy on the board.

A major challenge facing the Canadian Friends is to make the organization and its objectives better known in the local community and elsewhere. The board of directors will be exploring ways of accomplishing this in the months ahead.

## Jewish National Fund

Bob Gencher, Chairman



The Jewish National Fund has just completed a very successful year in Ottawa. The Tu Bi Shevat Telethon was an outstanding success under the very able chairmanship of Beverly Swedko. Over sixty volunteers combined their efforts at the offices of Mastercraft Development Corporation to realize the most money ever raised by a Tu Bi Shevat Telethon campaign in Ottawa.

The inscriptions program is thriving under the capable leadership of Leah Gencher. Parents of upcoming Bnei Mitzvot are contacted to link their children permanently with the State of Israel through inscriptions in the Jewish National Fund's Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Golden Book and gardens. Certificates are presented on the appropriate date by the rabbis.

The education program of the JNF is ongoing. Nurit Grossman, JNF educational shlichah has met with principals, teachers and children of the various Jewish schools to provide them with programming and workshops with regard to the study of Israel and related holidays. Educational materials and resources are provided on a regular basis by the JNF.

On a daily basis, trees are being planted at a furious pace to acknowledge all occasions. Blue boxes are being filled to capacity and are turned into the JNF office.

The JNF mission to Israel was postponed because of the gulf crisis during that time. However, plans are underway to take the largest mission yet to Israel, in celebration of the 90th anniversary of JNF.

The Negev Dinner, which

will take place in November is presently being planned. The dinner will honor Mervin Mirsky for his outstanding commitment and devotion to the Ottawa community. The funds raised through this campaign will see the dedication of a water reservoir in Mervin Mirsky's name and will in this manner permanently link him with the State of Israel. Negev Dinner organizers are looking forward to an outstanding campaign with overwhelming community response.

The Jewish National Fund is a vibrant organization. Executive members include Sid Goldstein, Henry Molot, Rose Taylor, Roz Taliel, Leah Gencher, Beverly Swedko, Hennie Honigman, David Shore and Irving Rivers. For further information on JNF, call 230-9047.

## Ottawa Hebrew Free Loan

William Grossman, President  
Charlotte Slack, Executive Secretary



We are now in our 58th year of operation and to date have granted 2923 loans. The Free Loan Association has been of particular benefit to newly-arrived Jewish Immigrants with very little worldly goods.

Money is loaned in sums up to \$2,000 to applicants without charge of interest or expense of any kind.

Our office, in the Jewish Community Centre building, is open every Sunday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The Officers of our organization at present are: Immediate Past President - Thomas Sachs; President - William Grossman; Vice Presidents - Hyman Gould; Joseph Zelikovitz, Hy Roodman, Mel Shulman; Treasurer - Leon Leckie; Secretary - Charlotte Slack; Honorary Solicitor - Carl Rosen; Accountant - Issie Landau; Executive Committee - David Zelikovitz, Benjamin Feinstein; Directors - Benes Swedko, Mildred Drazin, Reuben Kalin, Sonia Kizell, Isaac Levine, Leon Petigorsky, Fanny Betcherman, Rabbi Saul Arancy, Rabbi Mordecai Berger, Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Rabbi Arnold Fine, Rabbi Gershon Sonnenschein and Rabbi Irwin A. Tanenbaum.

We wish to point out that Wills and Bequests have been of valuable assistance to us, helping to increase our aid to those in need. So, please remember the Hebrew Free Loan Association in your Will.



## Agudath Israel Congregation

Barbara Farber, President  
Rabbi Arnold Fine, Spiritual Leader

Throughout its enduring history of more than twenty-five hundred years, the synagogue has been more than a place of worship. It has also been a meeting place, a centre of learning as well as a gathering place where celebrations occur.

We at Agudath Israel have continued these traditions in splendid form. Our Sanctuary is filled weekly and, more often than not, services include Bar or Bat Mitzvah celebrations, baby namings, Abris and other Simchas.

High Holiday services were again enhanced by our dedicated choir under the very able leadership of Cantor David Aptowitz and Bernie Shinder.

As has become traditional, a Shabbat morning to honor the choir was held in early May.

A November Shabbat morning remembered and honored our Veterans and, during the winter we "kvelded" as the students of the Talmud Torah Afternoon School and Akivah High School led our services. We also successfully hosted the Soviet Jewry Shabbat.

Agudath Israel is definitely a meeting place and a place of learning. Numerous classes were given by our own Rabbi Fine and Chazzan Sheini Danny Friedman. As well, our adult education

committee sponsored and co-sponsored many stimulating panel discussions and lectures throughout the year. We are happy to report that our youth groups were well programmed and well attended, and a successful year was had by all.

We have always been very proud of our strong Sisterhood as well as our well-established Nearly New Shop. They have provided the Shul with much needed revenues, and the shop has also been there to provide a much needed service to the community. This year, through the efforts of one man in particular, and through the generous help of several people, clothing and supplies were sorted, boxed and shipped to Israel for newly arriving Olim.

Our Men's Club has

continued its tradition of conducting services at the Civic Hospital the last Shabbat of every month and they delivered flowers to patients in all the area hospitals for Yom Tov.

Agudath Israel Congregation is administered by a board and executive consisting of approximately thirty people. Space does not allow me to mention each of our board members and committee chairs individually, but to all of our members who came out regularly to monthly meetings and gave so generously of their time and energy, we thank you.

Our Treasurer Gustave Goldmann, Board Secretary Donna Dolansky and Past President Bernie Rosenblatt will not be returning to the executive next year. To these

three people as well as to my first and second vice-presidents, Mark Wolynetz and Leen Bronstein, your untiring service throughout the years has been invaluable and most appreciated. Yasher Koach to all of you. At the same time I extend our best wishes to our Incoming President Dr. Mark Wolynetz and his new executive and board.

Rabbi Arnold Fine, Cantor David Aptowitz, and Danny Friedman have always given of themselves so generously. As members of the clergy they have given comfort, helped in celebrations and have been the backbone of the congregation. We feel very fortunate to have these individuals and their families as part of the Agudath Israel family. In times of need —

such as during the Iraq war — the Shul was a lifeline to many who needed the comfort, companionship and warmth of friendships. We are there for the rough times. And we are there for the great times! Once again Agudath Israel, under the chairs of Danny and Susan Friedman, hosted the fabulous Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations.

Our office staff has gone through another transition this past year. We thank Sue Fisher for managing our office for the last year and wish her success in her future endeavours. Our sincere thanks go to Bess Weiner and Barbara Hershorn who have been and will continue to be wonderful in the outer office. We are also pleased to welcome Minnie Greenberg to our staff. In order to better cater to our growing membership we have created the position of executive director of the Shul and we are thrilled to announce that Danny Friedman will be managing this position in addition to his duties as chazzan sheini.

To each and every one of you, named and unnamed, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have given me the experience of a lifetime! To be the president of one of the greatest Congregations is a dream fulfilled and one that I shall cherish forever.

## Congregation Beth Shalom

Jack Aaron, President  
Rabbi Saul I. Aranov, Senior Rabbi



**C**ongregation Beth Shalom - Beth Shalom West has been preparing to celebrate one hundred years of religious service to the Ottawa Jewish Community in 1991-92. The Centenary Committee Chairman, Daniel Kimmel Q.C. has announced several programs and projects. Beth Shalom has decided to bestow honor on communal organizations and institutions who render valuable service to the Ottawa Jewish Community on special Sabbath. On Saturday, April 13, the Holocaust Remembrance Committee was so honored and presented with a centenary certificate.

On April 20, Rabbi Dr. Oscar Z. Fasman, who served as communal rabbi of Ottawa during 1940-46 was the guest rabbi at the official service initiating the centenary year. The theme for that Sabbath was "All the King's Men" under the chairmanship of Kenneth Radnoff Q.C. All the living past presidents of Congregation Adath Jeshurun (1892), Agudath Achim (1902), and B'nai Jacob Congregation (1911), and Congregation Beth Shalom (1956) who were in attendance were given Torah

honors and were presented with special Centenary Certificates. A special brunch chaired by Izzie Greenberg with the theme 'Reminiscing with the Rabbi' was held on the following Sunday in Rabbi Fasman's honor.

Other organizations heretofore honored include Hillel Lodge, Ottawa Talmud Torah Board and Ottawa Jewish Free Loan Society. A picnic is being co-sponsored by Beth Shalom and Beth Shalom West. A special Centennial Cantorial Concert is being planned by the Concert Committee chaired by Jack Shapiro in co-operation with Cantor Chaiel which will be held on June 24. A religious history of the Congregations which will be prepared by Rabbi Aranov will be included in a Special Centenary publication. Esther Bilsky has undertaken to prepare a photographic exhibition which spans the history of the congregation. The major event in the autumn season will be a Centenary Chanukah Ball which will be held at Beth Shalom on November 30, 1991.

The administration of the Synagogue for the past three years can be characterized as one of physical renovation and spiritual renaissance.

Through a synagogue enhancement program, major physical renovations have been made to the main sanctuary and the Beit Hamidrash - Chapel, thanks to the generosity of a number of families. New religious texts have been purchased and new clergy have been appointed which has engendered a joyous atmosphere in the Synagogue. A new spiritual leader has been engaged by Beth Shalom West in the person of Rabbi Howard Finkelstein who has served in Kingston, Ontario. The Congregation wishes Rabbi Sonnenschein well after serving eight years at Beth Shalom West as the spiritual leader.

Among the successful events earlier this year have been the Chanukah Ball which was organized by Sisterhood and a Melaveh Malka Festival of Jewish Humor on February 16. A joint Chanukah program was held between Beth Shalom and Beth Shalom West. Also a Purim celebration after the reading of the Megillah was very successful.

## Simcha Chapter

### B'nai Brith Women of Canada

Sharon Daiter,  
Rosalie Fox, Co-Presidents

**S**imcha Chapter enjoyed a busy year of performing community service projects, carrying out fundraising events and hosting several interesting speakers at our meetings.

In November 1990, we held an afternoon tea for newly-arrived Jewish Soviet and Eastern European women. The afternoon was enjoyed by about 25 women immigrants and chapter members who mingled and had the opportunity to learn about each other's lives. Approximately 45 children received Chanukah presents this year thanks to Simcha Chapter's solicitation campaign from area merchants. This is a very successful project, now in its third year, and assisted by the Jewish Family Services of Ottawa-Carleton. We also held our annual family Chanukah party at Hillel Lodge this year, helping to boost the spirits of the residents there. The children sang songs, opened their presents and shared cake and drinks with their hosts.

For the fourth year, our major fundraising event was the sale of Rosh Hashanah candy trays, with almost 300 sold this year. The proceeds from this campaign help to operate the B'nai Brith Women of Canada's boys' group home in Israel, as well as local community service projects. We also participated in the Arts Alive fair, offering a selection of klezmer and other Jewish music cassette tapes and compact discs.

Simcha Chapter is comprised of approximately 20 women aged 25 to 40 who share an interest in helping the community, as well as a desire to meet other Jewish women. We welcome new members. Meetings are held every three weeks on a variety of subjects. Some of the topics this year have included sexual communication in a relationship, midwifery, self-defense for women, and environmental issues in the home.

If you would like additional information about Simcha Chapter, please call Sharon Daiter at 820-5088 or Rosalie Fox at 232-4358.

## Ottawa Friends of Peace Now

Dr. David Brooks, Chairman

**O**ttawa Friends of Peace Now's work for much of 1990-1991 was shaped by the Gulf Crisis. We deliberately chose to refrain from criticizing Israel during the war.

The group was, however, active. In December, David Gladstone attended the Canadian Jewish Congress National Executive Committee meeting in Jerusalem, representing Canadian Friends of Peace Now. Also in December Jeff Rose was the delegate of Ottawa Friends of Peace Now to the National Council of the Canadian Jewish Congress, which met in Toronto.

Ottawa Friends of Peace Now's Steering Committee meets regularly, and the group has several activities planned for 1991.

## B'nai Brith Ottawa Lodge No. 885

Lou Honigman, President



**T**his past year our Lodge bus transported the Jewish and Gentile elderly to their respective destinations and programs. The Lodge's C.V.S. (Community Volunteer Services) programs were involved with the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, as well as our endeavours with the Children's Hospital and our year round Bingo at Hillel Lodge. We have also provided and made up videos for all types of libraries to the Ottawa community funded organizations, as well as to the synagogue libraries.

The young adult members of our Lodge have

contributed greatly to all our lodge programs and we look forward to their input again this coming year.

Many of the above mentioned programs are funded through our two major fundraising efforts: The Car Draw and the Ottawa Lodge Mar of the Year dinner.

As in the past years our annual Israeli Orphan Program, to which many of you when approached so kindly contributed, was again extremely successful. These young boys and girls spent a few weeks at Camp B'nai Brith of Ottawa, following which they visited Ottawa to sightsee and

attend the Central Canada Exhibition. During the time, they were fed and housed at a local hotel before returning to Israel.

**Camp B'nai Brith**  
Ottawa is solely owned and operated by Ottawa Lodge #885 where many of you have enjoyed fun-filled summers in your youth, or have sent your child for a delightful summer experience.

For the past two years it has been my privilege to serve as president of Ottawa Lodge #885 and it has been an enlightening experience. I look forward to working with our new incoming president, Norman Swedko.

## Ottawa Council of Hadassah-WIZO

Marion Mayman, President

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO has had a most successful and rewarding season of activities. It started in September, which was WIZO month. Our National President chose Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO to inaugurate the cross-Canada festivities in support of two of WIZO's many projects in Israel — Hadassim and Nahalot Schools. For this auspicious occasion we held a gaia dinner honoring Evelyn Greenberg, co-chaired by Annette Albert and Betsy Border.

In October, Terry Schwarzkopf co-ordinated our annual fall general meeting. The evening featured a program presented by the Ottawa participants of the March of the Living. In appreciation of their dedication and participation, Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO honored each of the young people and their advisors, Marlene Chernik and Neil Silver, with a donation in each of their names at Hafim, one of our many Youth Aliyah projects. Hafim is an absorption centre for Ethiopian youth as well as a vocational training school for Ethiopians and disadvantaged Israelis.

November 18-21 Ottawa delegates, along with 600 other members from across Canada, attended the triennial National Convention of Canadian

Hadassah-WIZO in Vancouver. At the convention, Beverly Swedko was elected one of six national vice-presidents. Brenda Wolf was elected St. Lawrence Regional chairperson and Buddy Kizell became an honorary vice-president.

The theme of the 1990 Youth Aliyah campaign and brunch was Soviet aliyah to Israel. Monies realized from the campaign were directed to Hadassim Children and Youth Village in Israel, where about 100 of the students are recently arrived Soviet梳im. The co-chairpersons of this event were Maureen and Clary Ottman.

In February once again we celebrated Winterlude with our now nationally famous "Taste of Chocolate." This project is run by the Amit Chapter and was co-chaired by Robin Chernick and Miriam Silver.

In March a sacrifice sale was held to raise money to help restore WIZO day care centres which were damaged during the war. Co-chairs of this emergency sale were Buddy Kizell and Beverly Swedko.

This year we celebrated the 35th anniversary of our Medical Services campaign. Stela Toronto, founding chairperson of Medical Services, was our guest of honor. This outstanding event was co-chaired by Geri



Goldstein and Marcia Saife Sachs.

The final general meeting will take place in June. At this meeting special recognition will be given to various members and chapters.

Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO's other activities included: a Bridge Day co-chaired by Anna Cantor and Liz Schwartz; a Public Affairs meeting with David Walzer organized by Toby Yan; and the Auction Extravaganza, chaired by Lynn Gilman, Gina Grant, Lyn Lubelski and Cindy Mortimer. At our March meeting Donna Dolansky spoke about her trip to Israel and Hadassim, where she and Hana Cammy made a special presentation on our behalf. This year we published three newsletters edited by Wendy Klein and Lyn Lubelski. We are also planning a children's concert for June.

I am pleased to report that Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO's 16 chapters as well as supporting all the above activities held many educational and fundraising projects throughout the year. All of this helps us maintain our commitment to our many projects in Israel.

Toda Rabah to everyone in the Ottawa Jewish Community for the continuing support of our many projects.

## Agudath Israel Sisterhood

Malca Goldstein, President



Agudath Israel Sisterhood is proud to report a most successful and interesting 1990-91.

It began in September with an entirely new concept. For the first time since its inception, we had a shared presidium. Our year was broken into three segments, in turn chaired by Dorothy Lieff, Cally Kardash and Malca Goldstein.

Our year began with a reception to introduce our new members and Russian immigrant families to the congregation.

In October, an interesting book review was presented by Professor Elaine Newton, who reviewed *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan.

In November, a very special fun evening entitled "Hats Off to Agudath Israel" was held. There was dinner, dancing and an entertaining fashion show, courtesy of Irving Rivers, the man who "Corners the Market."

Our annual Chanukah Gelt Luncheon consisted of great holiday food and a delightful musical program featuring Judi Ginsburg, pianist and Mark Friedman, violinist. We

were pleased to have had some residents of Hillel Lodge as our guests.

In January, we had a Sephardi & Israeli cooking demonstration presented by Muncie Zaid, a superb Ottawa cook.

In February, we had a "Health Science Program" with Bev Hastings-McBride and the subject was menopause.

In March, we had our annual Torah Fund project in the form of a dessert evening. Our associate, Cantor Danny Friedman, spoke on "Jewish Parenting and Grandparenting in the 90's" and Diana Malomet, mother of Rabbi Elliot Malomet, shared her reminiscences on raising and loving "a son who wants to be a Rabbi."

In May, Professor Elaine Newton from Toronto, will review *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Our closing luncheon on June 12th will have Mary Cook as guest speaker.

We are pleased with our year and are looking forward to 1991-92 with some new and fresh ideas.

## Habonim-Dror

Reuven Solomon, Shaliach

Each year Habonim-Dror begins the season with a new group of madrachim (counselors) in the leadership role, the previous madrachim having dispersed to universities around the country. In addition, this year four Ottawa madrachim are in Israel on Kibbutz Urim, participating in Habonim-Dror's one-year Workshop program. Fortunately the new crew of madrachim, fresh from MB, Habonim-Dror's Leadership Training Camp, filled the vacuum with distinction. Esther Lederman and Ilana Rubin, as joint "Roshi Ken" very capably led Habonim-Dror Ottawa into another successful season.

At present, we are gearing up for Camp Gesher. Some eighty young Ottawans will be at camp this summer. Our group of last year's "Bogrim" (10th graders) will be going to Israel on SHK, Habonim-Dror's Counselor-in-Training program. Another group of Ottawa 11th graders will spend their summer at Camp Tavor on MB for further counselor training, to come back to take the onus of leadership upon themselves in September '91.

As usual Ottawa was extremely well represented, both proportionately and qualitatively, at our annual North American and provincial events. Fall Seminar was held at Parry Sound and Winter Seminar moved back to Blairstown, New Jersey. We are looking forward to Spring Seminar, and we are making serious plans to hold our next Winter Seminar in Israel.

## Ben-Gurion University

### of the Negev, Ottawa Branch

Susannah Dalfen, President

This past year saw a heightening of the presence of the Canadian Associates of Ben Gurion University in Ottawa and throughout Canada.

The Ottawa Branch welcomed several outstanding Ben Gurion University personalities during the course of the last twelve months. Prof. Richmond, director of the Bialstein Desert Research Institute, visited in early spring. At a dinner, in his honor, he described the original research being carried out in the Negev which has raised interest internationally. This type of research has allowed Israel to build bridges with members of the world community.

Chaim Elata, then president of the university,

met with a number of the Ottawa Jewish community at an event organized by Zelda and Herman Roodman. The absorption of Russian immigrants into Israeli society, as students, professionals and professors has been a priority of the university and one in which the university has been in the forefront. Prof. Elata elaborated on the plans and needs of the university in confronting this enormous challenge.

World-renowned Soviet dissident, Natan Scharansky, is now affiliated with Ben Gurion University. In late fall, he was greeted at a dinner in Ottawa by a group of long-time Parliamentary champions of freedom for Soviet Jewry. At a



subsequent gathering, Scharansky spoke of the enormity of the task of integrating Soviet Jews into Israeli society and B.G.U.'s role in the process. At this meeting, the William and Lenka Grossman family were welcomed as Founders of Ben Gurion University and a scholarship announced in honor of Ben Globerman. The Elaine Schwarzkopf family have also joined the growing number of Ottawa members of the International Founders of B.G.U.

This year was a successful one for our branch and we look forward to expanded participation and a greater contribution to our community in the future.

## Akiva High School

Howard Lithwick, Chairman  
Doris Bronstein, Principal



**A**kiva High School is delighted to announce the enrollment of 100 students this year. On April 24th, Akiva hosted new students from the Jewish community, in particular the prospective graduates of all our Jewish schools. These students joined with Akiva students and participated in the evening's courses.

The 1990-91 Akiva courses were: Hebrew and Yiddish Language credit courses, Holocaust, Current Events, Israeli Politics, Jewish Cooking, Calligraphy, Jewish Art, Drama, Music, History of the Jews of Spain and Mysticism and Midrashim. The students enjoyed several guest speakers throughout the year. Mr. Reuven Solomon conducted an evening's seminar on the "Implications of the Gulf War on Israel"; Mr. Arnold Fradkin on "Nazi War Criminals" and Mr. Mendel Good on "Holocaust". In April the students of the Holocaust class were privileged to view the Holocaust exhibition "The Courage to Remember" at Nepean Civic Square. Our senior Yiddish class will graduate this year with an Ontario Academic Credit in Yiddish. This group performed for Hillel Lodge the Sholom Aleichem play "Tzvei Shalachmone".

We look forward to all the new students joining us in September, for Akiva is a great place to be!

## Canadian Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth, Ottawa Section

Teena Hendelman, Fran Pearl, Co-Chairs

**T**his has been another successful year for the Canadian Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth, the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv. Until its close in September, "The Coat of Many Colours: Two Centuries of Jewish Life in Canada" attracted large numbers of viewers to the Museum of Civilization. The Ottawa Section of Friends was kept busy providing volunteer assistance to the exhibition.

Our Spring 1991 membership evening, held on April 14 at the Nepean Council Chambers, Centrepointe, provided a memorable experience for all who attended. The featured speaker, the renowned photographer-anthropologist, Frédéric Brenner showed remarkable slides of his photo-documentation of Jewish communities in the Soviet Republics. His theme was the diversity of Jewish expression within the Soviet Union, which he refers to as a Diaspora within a Diaspora.

In January 1991, co-sponsored with the Agudath Israel Congregation Continuing Education Committee, we presented an enlightening talk on the origins of the Montreal community of Jews of Morocco, by Professor Yossi Levy of the University of Quebec.

The Canadian Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth was organized about six years ago by Andrea Bronfman, national co-chairman. The Ottawa Section presented its first program in Spring 1989, the travelling photographic exhibition, "The Jews of Kaifeng: Chinese Jews on the banks of the Yellow River," shown at the National Library of Canada.

The aims of our organization are: to create awareness of the outstanding museum Beth Hatefutsoth and of the existence of diverse and interesting Jewish communities all over the world; to provide financial and moral support for Beth Hatefutsoth; to provide interesting programs and

## Canadian Friends of the Technion, Ottawa Chapter

Arnon Vered, President

**S**ince I assumed the presidency of the Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Technion Society, several functions have occurred with prominent guest speakers from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. The goal of these functions was to allow people to become more aware of Technion's contributions to the State of Israel.

Technion is Israel's only comprehensive technological university where all basic sciences and all major engineering disciplines exist side by side and where faculties of architecture and town planning and medicine round out a combination of educational and research opportunities that exist nowhere else in Israel. This great institution which is often referred to as "Israel's M.I.T." plays a key role in the defence effort by

conducting vital research and development in the field of sophisticated defensive weaponry and by training engineers and technicians who heighten the nation's ability to measure up to the challenge of remaining strong and alive.

In October of 1989, Professor Brian Silver, vice-president for development at the Technion, gave an overview of Technion's programs and their educational philosophy. In October 1990, Professor Michael Marinov, a recent emigre to Israel from Russia and a full professor at the Faculty Physics at Technion spoke on his work at the Institut and provided insight into the arrival of new Russian immigrants into Israeli Society. These two receptions were held at my home.

In April 1991, Professor

Zehav Tadmor, President of the Technion, spoke on "Technion and Israel After the Gulf War," at the home of Sara and Zeev Vered. A presentation of an Honorary Fellowship to the Greenberg family was made in recognition of Irving Greenberg's contribution to the Technion.

The Technion is an institution that requires support from outside Israel. It is our intention, if possible, to hold a major campaign in the coming year. We look forward to the Ottawa Jewish community's involvement in support of our campaign.

I wish to thank Ruth Miller and Paul Bregman for their efforts in supporting the Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Technion Society. Special thanks to Shari and Harold for their support from the Montreal office.

## Tamir Foundation

Eric Weiner, President



**T**en years ago the Tamir Foundation was created to provide residential services to Jewish people with developmental disabilities within our community. Tamir aims to achieve a maximum degree of independent living for its clients and a minimum of institutionalization. Today our integrationalist philosophy is still based on the belief that people who are developmentally disabled have a place in the Jewish and Canadian "mainstream." Our plans for the future include offering more services and programs to the local Jewish community as well as continued "outreach" programming to the Rideau Regional Centre in Smiths Falls.

Over the past year the residents have been very active in synagogue and community celebrations and events. They have entertained friends and family at Succah and Chanukah parties; hosted another Shabbat dinner for board members; spent a week's summer vacation at a cottage, and toured the sights of Toronto during a four-day holiday.

Tamir welcomed Mark Palmer as executive director this year, taking over from George Spevak-Sladowski. Mark's practical experience, along with his commitment to teaching independence, providing stimulation and exposing the residents to the community at large, promises continued progress.

Our fundraising activities are ongoing, with emphasis on increasing our present membership of 400 to 1000. As a beneficiary of Temple Israel's Celebrity Auction this year, Tamir received some much-appreciated financial aid. As well, we participated in 'Arts Alive' to increase public awareness and encourage new membership.

In order to provide a more stable financial climate for future planning, we have been steadily negotiating with the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services for ongoing funding. In principle, they have accepted our proposal for program expansion and 'annualized' funding. This will allow us to conduct a community 'needs' survey, and carefully plan and carry out our expansion of services and programs to the wider Jewish community. Over the next two years we hope to welcome 2-3 new residents to our homes in addition to pursuing our educational, Jewish cultural, and employment service objectives.

We have always been very appreciative of the generous support shown by the entire Jewish Community, especially the Vaad Ha'ir and the Jewish Community Foundations. They help ensure that Jewish people with developmental disabilities can live with dignity and self-respect in a Jewish home within our community.

To learn more about Tamir, contact President Eric Weiner, at 727-5880 or Mark Palmer, executive director, at 725-3519.

## Na'amat Canada - Ottawa Council

Lillian Laks, President



Ottawa Council began its 1990-91 season with a dinner meeting at which time the new slate of officers was installed. The Ottawa Council comprises four chapters - Chana Szenesh, Avita, Nitza and our newest member, Ahava.

Our first program for the year was a Leadership Workshop. On the program were speakers on stress management, volunteering, fundraising and other topical subjects. The conference was enthusiastically received by those in attendance and we hope to repeat this type of program every few years.

At Arts Alive Na'amat was represented at a booth where we profiled our activities and projects. We also sold our cookbooks, craft books and Rosh Hashana cards, which are all fundraising projects of our various chapters.

Our program for February, entitled "Options in Jewish Education" which was geared to parents of pre-school children, had to be cancelled

in the last minute as the community held an emergency rally in support of Israel during the Gulf War.

Our Spiritual Adoption project is well underway. Donations toward this activity will go toward the care of children in our many day care centres in Israel, which are sponsored by Na'amat.

By far the best known Na'amat enterprise is our very popular Ottawa Jewish Telephone Directory. The funds received from our various projects help our organization to subsidize the day care centres and help maintain child care and the many other necessities that allow the Israeli woman and her family to have a better quality of life.

All our chapters have excellent programming committees. For example, we have enjoyed such evenings as a Champagne Soiree, a cooking demonstration at Betty's Kitchen, a speaker on the "March of the Living," a

speaker about Redirecting Negative Behaviour Patterns in Children, Tax Planning with Children in Mind, a Family Day and BBQ, and many more interesting and fun events.

Our closing function on June 4th this year is entitled "Sweet Finale" as it will be an after dinner event featuring desserts from our Aviva chapter's cookbook. Our guest speaker will be Alderman Jacqueline Holzman. We will also welcome our National President Rhona Blanshay who will update us on Na'amat projects. Malka Shelef, wife of the ambassador of Israel to Canada, will bring greetings.

Each of our chapters welcomes new members. We can promise you an exciting year in which to make new friends, enjoy the varied programs, and help Israeli mothers and children at the same time. For information, please contact Judy Fields at 231-4938.

The Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation (CICF) has a distinctive agenda within the Jewish Community of Ottawa.

CICF does not involve itself in fundraising, although its members individually are active in the work of the various organizations which constitute the Jewish Community of Ottawa. CICF, as an organization, devotes its efforts to serving as a cultural bridge between Canada and Israel. We seek to present to Canada the many cultural activities in which Israel is engaged. Notwithstanding its constant preoccupation with internal security. Conversely, we seek to provide a platform or stage to Canadian artists for presentation to the Israeli community.

In pursuance of our objectives, I have set out hereunder the activities in which we have been engaged during the season 1990-1991.

October 21, 1990 — Reception — An Opening Reception was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Barwin. It provided an opportunity for us to meet Yaacov Paran, newly appointed Minister-Counsellor of the Israeli Embassy in Canada as well as to meet exchange Professors from Israel. Mr. Paran spoke briefly and eloquently about the looming problems arising out of Iraq's intransigence.

November 25, 1990 — Performance by Israeli Musicians — A "happening" took place when violinist Roy Shiloah and pianist Shlomi Shem-Tov gave a

## Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation (CICF)

Maurice Wright, President

concert at the University of Ottawa under the sponsorship of the Ottawa CICF. The concert was held with the joint co-operation of the University of Ottawa and the Embassy of Israel. Words cannot adequately describe the high musical level of the evening. Jacob Siskind, music critic for the Ottawa Citizen, described their performance in superlatives. There was not a single empty seat. After the performance, the artists stated frankly that the evening in Ottawa gave them the highest musical satisfaction that they had experienced in their tour of the U.S. and Canada, and that the Ottawa concert was the most professionally organized of the entire tour — for which thanks to Evelyn Greenberg.

December 16, 1990 — Annual Chanukah Party — This event, an annual favorite, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Newman, and every inch of space was fully occupied. Musical renditions — Israeli, Hebrew, and Yiddish — were given by Isaac Muzikansky, Barbara Okun and John Rothbard, and were enthusiastically received.

February 10, 1991 — Israeli Film Night — The home of Dr. and Mrs. David Algom was the site for the Film night. As usual,

attendance was at the maximum. A film of the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra's tour of Poland was shown. One of the highlights of the film dealt with a visit by the Orchestra to Auschwitz. A sense of personal immediacy was provided by Ambassador Itzhak Shelef who, by coincidence, accompanied the I.P.O. on the trip to Poland and he was also present when the Orchestra visited Auschwitz. Ambassador Shelef addressed the gathering, speaking emotionally on a subject that is so close to all of us. It was a memorable evening.

March 17, 1991 — Israeli Poet, Shlomo Vinner — CICF, together with the Embassy of Israel, supported the Continuing Education and Department of English of the University of Ottawa in presentation of a Reading by Shlomo Vinner, at the University of Ottawa. Prof. Vinner, on the faculty for many years at the Hebrew University, read from his own poems. He was joined by Professor Seymour Mayne of the University of Ottawa and one of Professor Vinner's leading translators. The evening was a rare cultural treat and was extremely enjoyed by a substantial audience.

## Beth Shalom West Sisterhood

Maxine Rabinovitch, President



Beth Shalom West Sisterhood has had a year filled with education, socialization and fundraising. Our sisterhood meetings have taught us self defence, prepared us for the once dreaded menopause and allowed us to get "excited" about cooking for Passover. We had excellent turnouts for these meetings. Thanks to Ellie Kaningsberg, Shari Ritter and Susan Grossner for their help.

Thanks to Sheila and Myra Presser for arranging two wonderful fundraising events. These included a fashion sale, and spaghetti/murder mystery night. It was a mystery how we prepared spaghetti for 150 people and those extra special croutons from scratch!

Elaine Friedberg organized Arts Alive for us and thanks to her it was very successful.

Some of the funds raised by the sisterhood will go to the building enhancement of the synagogue.

We are now looking forward to our closing meeting/light supper. Our topic will be Mother-Daughter relationships with guest speaker Dr. Iris Richter.

I thank my whole executive for their assistance this year and look forward to seeing the continuation of this vibrant sisterhood with Elaine Friedberg at its helm.

Maxine Rabinovitch, President Beth Shalom West Sisterhood.

improving that part of our program which seeks to present Canadian artists in Israel. There are many problems in furthering such a program, not the least of which are government involvement and the financial limitations which are constantly being imposed upon the Arts. It is, however, an aspect of CICF's program which we cannot allow to be overlooked.

I have now come to the end of three years in office as President. Honesty compels me to admit that I have so much enjoyed my three terms in office that I would like to continue. That, however, would be unfair to the other members in the CICF. It is not possible for me to have had a higher degree of co-operation than that which I received from every member of the Executive for the past three years. I am grateful to them as well as to the membership for having allowed me to serve. I have total confidence that the CICF will enjoy greater success in the future.

The Executive of the CICF consisted of the following — Immediate Past President: Anita Wisner; President: Maurice W. Wright, Q.C.; Vice Presidents: Geri Migicovsky, Ruth Calof; Treasurer: Myrna Barwin; Secretary: Bea Wright; Membership Secretary: Penny Bar-Noy; Program Chairpersons: Evelyn Greenberg, Benita Blustein; Special Events: Edie Koranyi, Sara Vered; Hospitality Chairpersons: Dr. Norman Barwin, Fran Pearl.

## Canada Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges

Dr. Alain Goldschlager, Director

**N**eedless to say, the current year has been marked by events of such national and international magnitude that no one was spared and that many of the best plans had to be changed. The University has not escaped the turmoil of war and recession. Far from it, our limited resources in Israeli scholars and Canadian specialists were stretched to the limit by media requests to comment on the events in the Gulf and Israel. Indeed, we were very fortunate to have people like Dr. Janice Stein and David Dewitt to speak out for Israel alongside Israeli scholars like Dorit Ravid. But surely their brilliant work could not cover all the media and this left extra room for the unopposed expression of the Arab point of view.

During the war, CIFAE was regularly solicited to provide commentators for the electronic media, but its resources were very limited and he had to organize trips for scholars from different cities to speak on behalf of Israel. We perceived that there was a definitive need for more Israeli scholars and

that they would be of importance in keeping the Canadian public aware of the Israeli view.

Dr. Dorit Ravid from Tel Aviv University has been teaching linguistic and semiotic languages at Carleton University. Through the teaching of Hebrew, Dorit is able to transmit her love of Israel. Her enthusiasm is contagious and she was asked to give lectures for her colleagues. She was very involved in the community. She participated and spoke to several Jewish groups (UJA, Va'ad Ha'ir, Agudat Israel Synagogue, Montreal-Israel Foundations, etc.) Her position has made her the natural resource person for Jewish students on Campus, and her competence has been tapped by day-care, Hillel Academy. Dr. Ravid has also been lecturing in Toronto, Boston, and Austin and has been invited to other places, but one of her special contributions has been to help direct a new official program established in Quebec: L'Attestation d'études collégiales en langue hébraïque. This three-year program at CEGEP level, specially designed for

seminarians is structured to teach non-Jewish students not only Hebrew but Judaic thought as well as religious and community tradition. This collaboration will extend far beyond the stay of Dr. Ravid in Canada and we are very pleased to participate as this program will offer a full cycle of Hebrew and Jewish studies. Dr. Majid Al-Haj, a

demographer teaching at Haifa University, who was the special guest from Carleton, was able to stay an extra semester because of the combined efforts of the Community and of the Foundation. This marked a special collaboration between the University and the Foundation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the

Ottawa community for its generous support. That support has been expressed not only through the community's grants in past years but also through the commitment of the professional resources of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa which has contributed much to the program's success.



**T**SEDAKAH 'To aid a person by offering a gift or a loan, by entering into partnership or by providing work...so that he/she may become self-sufficient'

Maimonides  
Mishneh Torah

This is the main guiding principle for the Jewish Association for International Development (JAD). In 1988 a group of concerned Jews working in the field of international development realized that although there were various Christian, Protestant and Muslim groups working in the field, there was no official Jewish voice in the international development community. With the support of the Bronfman Foundation and the sanction of the Canadian Jewish Congress, a founding national convention took place in Ottawa in April '89 where a board was elected and a constitution and bylaws were voted upon. Since then local chapters have been established in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa.

JAD Canada, a national, non-profit, voluntary, charitable non-government organization, which is

## The Jewish Association for International Development (JAD)

David Spring, Chair

dedicated to providing the Canadian Jewish Community with the opportunity to become directly involved in Third World Development. As well, it encourages a dialogue on development, at home and abroad, which reflects Jewish teachings, history and experience.

JAD Canada's objectives are:

- to offer an opportunity to the Jewish Canadians to participate in international development.
- to increase the resources available for the development in the Third World
- to demonstrate to the Canadian public at large, Canadian Jewry's concern and support for the world's poor.
- to provide a voice for Canadian Jews, within the

development community and in public, for dealing with development issues.

JAD Canada, through a series of partnerships that link Canadian Jewish Communities and Third World communities, arranges development assistance programs that encourage self-sufficiency, primarily in the areas of small industry, human resources development, agricultural production and refugee settlement.

JAD Ottawa began in 1989 and has a membership of over 100 in the Ottawa region. Meetings are held every six to eight weeks in members' homes or various Jewish institutions. Various issues are discussed and the year included the concept of Tzedakah and international

development, the role of women in development, and health problems in the Third World. Also, guest speakers have spoken on the situation in Burma, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe.

JAD Ottawa has held two main fundraising events over the last twelve months. On March 7, 1991 'Nachas and Rushes' night was held. This included the showing of the movie *Bethune* at the Bytowne Cinema followed by a 'nosh' at The Place Next Door, compliments of Dave Smith. Along with the sale of tickets and the generous corporate sponsorship of Lithwick Brothers and Boyd's Movers, we were able to raise \$2,700.00. This money was matched by the Canadian Government on a three-to-one basis and went

toward financing a Women's Weaving Co-operative project in Guatemala. This is the second project supported by JAD Ottawa. Last year's fundraiser supported a Women Sewing Co-operative project in Zimbabwe. In fact there has been a connection established with the Jewish Community in Harare who are also involved in the project.

Future programming includes working with Hillel Academy on development education activities and possibly twinning the school with a Third World school by sponsoring a project. Also various shul and service groups have expressed an interest in sponsoring projects. We have a number of members who have spoken to various community groups and we look forward to increased activities in the future.

If you would like to become involved in JAD Ottawa either by making a donation, participating in JAD activities or forming a group to sponsor a project, please write to JAD Ottawa, 151 Chapel St., Ottawa, Ont. K1N 7Y2 or call Ottawa Chair David Spring 722-9909 for further information.

The Religious School is completing another successful year with an enrollment of 166 students. The school continues to grow

and flourish under the expert direction of Judy Hersh and her staff of trained teachers. Through the cooperative efforts of Judy Hersh, the

rabbi and the school committee, the school's curriculum and programs go through an ongoing evaluation and development.

## N'shei Tzeirei Yisroel

N. Rodin, President

The Sisterhood of Young Israel Synagogue has completed its year-long revision of the Constitution, and has acquired the new name of N'shei Tzeirei Yisroel. Concomitantly, the recent publication of 'The Collection,' a delightful Kosher Gourmet Recipe Booklet, rounds off the Sisterhood's very successful Gourmet International Kosher Cooking Series held last year. With these two major projects completed, the Sisterhood is ready to begin the upcoming year with a fundraising flourish!

The long-anticipated recipe book fulfills all the expectations of the participants in the cooking class — and more! It contains menus, recipes, and notes from the original series as well as including kosher versions of the dishes typical of the many other countries from which Sisterhood members come. The suggested price of \$9.95 is very reasonable, and all money raised is used to fund upcoming children's and adult programs and community activities organized by the Sisterhood. The book is published with the generous assistance of Telé-Litho, and is very attractively laid out in large type on waterproof, ring-bound cards. It is available through For All Occasions Judaica, Maimonides School,

and Young Israel Synagogue, and makes a most attractive gift.

The Sisterhood began the year with a giant garage sale held in the parking lot adjacent to the synagogue. The weather was excellent and so were sales, with all proceeds going towards the funding of High Holy Days babysitting services. Each year this program is revised and improved, and this year's timely and nutritious snacks, plus interesting toys and games, kept the attention of the younger children while the older children and adults dined. The people attending services were ensured of a quiet and peaceful atmosphere, confident that the little ones were being well provided for. Parental participation in the program was very high, with adults helping out for an hour or so at a time to supplement the hired staff, so no one felt overburdened. Parents, the synagogue and Sisterhood shared the costs of the program so that all persons attending services were able to benefit.

At Arts Alive, browsers were invited to have their Hebrew names written on a kippah or balloon. The timely loan of a small air pump was greatly appreciated by booth volunteers who were saved a lot of huffing and puffing!

Proceeds from the booth were used to stock the Sisterhood's gift centre.

Over Chanukah, Sisterhood sponsored a Mid-Winter Party, with games, food and sticker prizes to entertain those children remaining in town for the school break.

The remainder of the season was mostly spent on the 'backstage' type of work involved in preparing the recipe book and finishing the details of the new constitution.

Our congregation is pleased to welcome several new families to the community, and we look forward to the new season with creative and innovative programs to match the influx of new energy which new members bring.

Sisterhood executive consists of Mrs. N. Rodin, president; Mrs. Molly Adier, treasurer; and Mrs. B. Steinberg, member-at-large. Many thanks for her hard work to Mrs. B. Caplan who steps down this season after several terms as vice-president. Arts Alive chair was Mrs. K. Haran, High Holy Days Babysitting Co-ordinators were Mrs. N. Rodin and Mrs. M. Narwa. Mrs. B. Steinberg organized the Chanukah party and Mrs. C. Tabak worked with the recipe book.



## Temple Israel Religious School

Anne Mozersky, Chair

This year two new programs have been added to the curriculum.

In an effort to improve and revise the high school program for grades 8 and 9, a new Monday evening seminar format was developed. Over the summer, Judy Hersh worked very closely with school committee members Debra Viner and Shelley Shusterman to a tailor program to meet the social and intellectual interests of this age group. By combining students' interests, community resources and a Reform Jewish focus, a variety of speakers and programs were planned. Monthly pizza dinners have given students the opportunity to socialize together before the program begins. The high school enrollment of 24 students is an encouraging increase from past years and has generated a new enthusiasm from students and parents.

The Grade 7 class also meets on Monday evenings for their class. To enrich the B'nai Mitzvah curriculum a creative Grade 7 interchange took place between our school and students from Temple Har Zion in Toronto. Our students went to Toronto in January and then we reciprocated as hosts on March 1-3. This school program was planned and carried out with the invaluable assistance and cooperation of the Temple's Youth Group and Brotherhood. We hope that this experience will become

an annual event for our Grade 7 class.

This is the second year of our revised Hebrew program for Wednesday Hebrew School. All students in grades 3-6 are assessed and placed in one of seven Hebrew language groups that best matches their Hebrew level. Working in small groups has been very well received by the students, teachers and parents.

No school year is complete without special attention to the Jewish festivals and holidays. We had a Chanukah party, a Purim Carnival and two Passover Seders. The older grades attended the community ceremony for Yom HaShoah and the school had Israeli Dancing on Israel's Independence Day, April 19. As in the past, we joined with the other schools in the community to celebrate Lag B'omer in May. Our Grade 10 class had its Confirmation on Shavuot, May 19.

I would like to thank the School Committee members for their help and cooperation — Joe Diamond, Shelley Shusterman, Aron Spector, Marilyn Stegenga, Debra Viner, Debbie Weiss, Janet Wolfe, Judy Hersh and Rabbi Tanenbaum. A very special thank you to my co-chair, Debra Viner who has so graciously and generously shared this committee's responsibilities. A special mention of gratitude to the Rabbi for his support and guidance and to Judy Hersh for once again being a pleasure to work with.

The main purpose of the Sephardi Association of Ottawa is to conduct religious services according to the Sephardi Minhag in Ottawa.

The association aims to safeguard Sephardi ideals and traditions, foster the organization of religious, social and recreational activities among its members, teach its members' children Sephardi traditions and culture and represent the Sephardi community in Ottawa.

The Sephardi Association of Ontario is committed to undertake all these activities as an integral part of the Ottawa Jewish Community, as a member of the Canadian Sephardi Community and in unconditional allegiance to the government and the State of Israel.

The Board of Governors of The Sephardi Association of Ottawa comprises: President — Dr. Jean Boulakia; First Vice-President — Michel Tapiero; Second Vice-

## Sephardi Association of Ottawa

Dr. Jean Boulakia, President

President — David Abenham; Treasurer — Daniel Chiprout; Secretary — Jacques Rostenn; Parnass — Yossi Amor; Vice-Parnass — Michel Bar-Tov; Sisterhood — Danielle Boulakia; Membership — Vicky Jabel; Member at large — Nessim Abtan; Member at large — Jacqueline Blum; Member at large — Henri Dahan; Member at large — Henri Khaiat; Member at large — Lise Khaiat; Member at large — Gaby Sasso. The Sisterhood comprises: President — Danielle Boulakia; Vice-President —

Anna-Lee Chiprout; Treasurer — Jacqueline Blum; Secretary — Shelly Amor; Telephone — Vicki Abenham.

The Sephardi Association of Ottawa owns its own Torah and has a congregation status with the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir.

The Sephardi Association of Ottawa has been conducting services which were well attended for the last five years, including: High Holidays Services: Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Hanukah, Purim, Pesach and Chavuot; Shabbat Services

once a month, generally on the last Saturday of each month, often followed by a middle eastern Kiddush. The inauguration of the Torah has taken place in November of 1990.

The Sephardi Association of Ottawa has been organizing social gathering and parties, including Hanukah party, for the children, every year; Purim party, dinner-dance, every year. The Great Sephardi Night, with its Middle Eastern food and music, is becoming an Ottawa institution.

The president and the board of directors thank the Sephardi and the entire Jewish population of Ottawa for having made it possible.

The Sephardi Sisterhood is extremely active, and meets every month. Activities included guest speakers at each meeting.

Children's activities also include the fact that children have been sent to Sephardi summer camps of the Quebec Sephardi Federation.

As well, the local association maintains liaison and involvement in the Canadian Sephardi Congress.

The Sephardi Association of Ottawa, by its mere existence and by its activities, is fulfilling an important function. Now, the capital of Canada has a Sephardi minyan. However, that would not have been possible without the enthusiasm of the Sephardi population and the help of the entire Jewish population of Ottawa, its rabbis and its institutions.

The president and the board of directors thank the Sephardi and the entire Jewish population of Ottawa for having made it possible.

## Ottawa Torah Institute

Aaron Sarna, President

Rabbi Yisroel Morgenstern, Dean

**A**s a full-time school accredited by the Ontario Ministry of Education, OTI has already produced graduates who would do any school proud. Reflecting the high quality of the education they received, OTI's graduates have been uniformly successful wherever they have turned, gaining acceptance at universities of their choice, where they have shown outstanding performance. Most have chosen to continue their Jewish studies at institutions of higher learning in Israel before going on to university. We are most proud of these fine young men whose broad education will serve them well as they take their eventual places as leaders in the Jewish community.

During the past year, OTI's Assistant Principal Rabbi Z. Shaps, has assumed more of the administrative burden and ably helped to strengthen the functioning of the school. The year was one of consolidation, during which the dormitory was closed while the school

focused on local students. After undergoing considerable renovation, the dormitory will be reopened for the new academic year, in September and it is anticipated that there will be renewed enrollment of a modest number of out-of-town students.

Among the highlights of the year's activities were two Shabbatons at Ottawa synagogues and a six-day trip to New York City, where OTI students undertook a comparative study of the gustatory delights offered at the establishments of various purveyors of fine kosher pizza, attended a Mets' game, and spent Shabbat at the Chofetz Chaim Yeshiva, crowning the visit with a Motz'ei Shabbat gathering with Rabbi Leibowitz, Shlita, the Rosh Yeshiva.

Last year's Cantorial Concert, presented in conjunction with Jewish Music Week and as a part of the Coat of Many Colors program at the Museum of Civilization featured the renowned Cantor Chaim

Adler, and was (literally) a resounding success. This year's concert, OTI's seventh, to be held May 28th, will feature Chazan Naftuli Hershtig, of the Great Synagogue of Jerusalem.

The secular program, directed by Mr. Allan Duffield, as in previous years, provided a wide selection of courses, including a sophisticated computer course, which prepare OTI's students for eventual careers in the science, liberal arts and business.

In its nine years of operation, Ottawa Torah Institute High School has taken an ever-increasing part in the life of Ottawa Jewish community and continues to have an important influence, not only through the contributions of its graduates, as they become involved in community affairs, but also through OTI's adult education program. Some 45 members of the Ottawa Jewish community are served at evening classes offered three times per week.

Today's  
Scholars...  
Tomorrow's  
Leaders



## Machon Sarah Jewish Day High School for Girls

Tom Caplan, Executive

Rabbi Yisrael Morgenstern, Dean

a semester basis.

Besides the academic programs, there are numerous extra-curricular events throughout the year. They include the making and selling of challah covers and yarmulkes, Hillel Lodge programs, and a special program where the girls assist mothers of newborn infants. The girls also participated in the Bais Yaakov Convention held at Torah Academy for Girls (TAG) in Far Rockaway, New York. There were over six hundred girls at this convention from all over the U.S. and Canada.

Machon Sarah plans, please G-d, to open up a ninth and tenth grade for this coming school year. For any further information please call 594-5658.

**T**his past year Parliament Lodge enjoyed one of its most successful years to date. Indeed, the Lodge's membership is at an all-time high (approximately 300 members) primarily as a consequence of our new membership drive which resulted in fifty new members. A special thanks to Ellie and Marty Black who hosted our "new members" barbecue. Special mention to Brent Taylor for soliciting the most new members.

In order to keep our members better informed, the Lodge reinstated its quarterly bulletins with Jack Presser appointed "editor in chief." We understand that this year's bulletins have been nominated for B'nai Brith Canada's "national" award.

Lodge "fundraising" programming was as strong as ever. As most of you are aware, the format for the Lodge's major fundraiser, "Millionaire's Night" was revamped by this year's committee. These changes appear to have been well received by the community, as it was the lodge's most successful dinner.

## Parliament Lodge/

### B'nai Brith

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Philip M. Rimer, President

notwithstanding the recession. Congratulations to Eric Levin and his committee. Other fundraising programs embarked upon by the lodge included the distribution of "entertainment" books organized by Norm Lesh and Eric Weisbloom which benefited the lodge and those clubs and groups associated with us.

Predictably, our community voluntary service programs ("CVS") were as strong as ever, thanks primarily to our Founding President Marty Glati and his able committee which included his wife Dora, Adelle Horwitz, Sye Minkoff, Jacob Schildkraut and Irving and Steve Singer.

Highlights of these programs included providing Christmas dinner to the residents of St. Patrick's Home, hosting bingo for various senior citizen groups, (including Hillel Lodge and Island Lodge) as well as distributing Passover baskets. A new CVS program which the lodge has undertaken is to co-sponsor the annual car rally put on for Big Brothers and Big Sisters later this summer.

The lodge's social programs were successful as usual. The highlight was this year's installation dinner which was organized by Tom Gussman, Morris Presser and Moishe Smith, where 120 members and guests came to support this year's executive.



Other programs which were well attended included a bowling night followed by coffee and desserts at Sam Birnbaum's restaurant, "Sammy's Cellar," which was organized by Stephen Singer and David Stein. Finally, Jacob Schildkraut once again organized his popular hockey trip to the Montreal Forum to watch the "Canadiens" get trounced.

Aside from being a major contributor to B'nai Brith Canada causes, the lodge has a strong commitment to the local community. Indeed, while B'nai Brith Canada (like many other volunteer organizations) faced financial difficulties because of the current recession, the Lodge insured that the local BBYO

and JSU Hillel programs were unaffected. Special thanks to past presidents Morris Presser, Moishe Smith and Norm Lesh who were responsible for negotiating the necessary arrangements with B'nai Brith Canada and the local community. In addition, Parliament Lodge members took the unprecedented step of passing a special resolution authorizing the Lodge to donate \$5,000.00 to this year's "UJA/Operation Exodus" campaign.

In closing, I want to thank Norm Lesh for representing the Ottawa B'nai Brith Lodges as national "member at large" and wish good luck to Tom Gussman who has been nominated as a national vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada. Finally, congratulations are in order to Steve Singer who has been nominated as the Lodge's president for the 1991/92 term and his four vice-presidents, David Stein, Marty Black, Brent Taylor and Eric Weisbloom.

On behalf of Heather and myself, thanks to all members for making this a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.

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